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T.N.'s letter on Mekedatu a 'political stunt': CM

BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday termed Tamil Nadu's letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention to restrain the Cauvery Water Management Authority from discussing the Mekedatu project in its meeting on June 17 a "political stunt" and "against the federal system".

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PU admissions: Demand for Science picks up

BENGALURU

As colleges begin to reopen, after a period of Commerce being the preferred choice of students, this year's PU admissions show that Science courses are back in demand.

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'Establishments can stay open till 1 a.m.'

BENGALURU

The police have confirmed that while the 2016 order, which stated that commercial establishments can stay open until 1 a.m., will be followed in the city, no decision has been taken about the 24x7 business. A meeting was held between hoteliers' association, police, and the Department of Commerce and Industries on Tuesday.

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OPPORTUNITIES ▸ PAGE 3

10 lakh persons to get govt. jobs in 18 months, announces Modi

Recruitment likely to focus on vacancies in Railways, armed forces and GST dept.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced that his government would be recruiting 10 lakh personnel within the next 18 months, "in a mission mode", a major drive after recruitment to government jobs was derailed following the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a tweet from his official handle @PMOIndia, early on Tuesday morning, Mr. Modi said: "PM @narendramodi reviewed the status of Human Resources in all departments and ministries and instructed that recruitment of 10 lakh people be done by the government in mission mode in the next 1.5 years."

The announcement came on a day when Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and the three Service Chiefs announced the 'Agnipath' scheme of recruiting youth between the ages of 17.5 and 21 for a four-year stint in the armed forces with a provision of voluntary retention after this period, based on merit.

Unemployment has emerged as one of the major challenges before the Modi government after two years of the pandemic and its attendant economic woes.

An additional problem with regard to recruitment to government jobs has been the frequent leak of examination papers both for departments such as the Railways and for teacher recruitment as well. During the recently concluded Uttar Pradesh election in fact, police lathi-charged protesting students in Prayagraj and in Patna, Bihar, who had been preparing to appear for Railway Recruitment Board exams but were told that because the question paper leaked, the exam had to be cancelled.

While not sharing figures of which department would be recruiting how many, a senior government official shared that much of the recruitment would be in the Railways, armed forces ('Agnipath' and regular recruitment which had been frozen through the pandemic), the Central Paramilitary Forces, Goods and Services Tax (GST) departments, including customs and excise and administrative staff for government- owned banks and insurance companies.

"The recruitment for GST departments, which are revenue generating departments is important, and for posts which were earlier known as State tax inspectors, recruitment will cover customs and excise as GST pertains to them too. In government-owned insurance firms, while field staff have been recruited regularly, administrative recruitment hasn't taken place in any significant way for the last 15 years," the official said.

It is hoped that the setting of a deadline will help recruitments happen fast.

UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASED: LABOUR SURVEY ▸ PAGE 11

Empty posts | As of March 2020, 8.8 lakh jobs were vacant in the Union government. In 2019, the number of vacant posts was around 9.2 lakh (23% of the sanctioned posts) and in 2018 there were 6.8 lakh such vacancies (17% of sanctioned posts).
A look at the group-wise share of vacant posts to the total posts across Union Ministries and departments.

Group	No. of staff in service (IN LAKH)	No. of vacant posts (IN LAKH)	Vacancy as a share of sanctioned posts
A	1.14	0.21	15.9%
B (G)	0.80	0.17	16.4%
B (NG)	1.79	0.81	31%
C	28.12	7.67	21.4%
Total	31.91	8.86	21.7%

■ Unemployment has emerged as one of the major challenges before the Union government due to two years of the pandemic and its economic consequences

Union government employees coming out of North Block after their day's work, in New Delhi. • SHANKER CHAKRAVARTY

WPI inflation quickens to record 15.9%

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

Inflation in India's wholesale prices quickened to a new record high of 15.9% in May, from April's 15.1%, official data released on Tuesday show. This is the 14th month in a row that WPI inflation has stayed above the 10% mark. Inflation in May 2021 was 13.1%.

Fuel and power inflation accelerated further to 40.6%, from 38.7% in April and 31.8% in March. Inflation based on the WPI Food Index, which had eased to 8.9% in April from 9.3% in March, rebounded to 10.9% in May. Retail inflation had eased slightly to 7.04% in May from 7.79% in April as per data released on Monday.

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Pawar meets Mamata, Left party leaders

NCP chief not running for President

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the Opposition meet on Presidential polls that has been convened by West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday held a series of meetings in Delhi, including one with Ms. Banerjee.

Mr. Pawar ruled himself out of the Presidential race but sources said a shortlist of names will be discussed in the meeting on Wednesday.

Some names that have come up in informal discussions among Opposition leaders include National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah, former West Bengal Governor and diplomat Gopalkrishna Gandhi and former Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha, who is s now in the Trinamool. The name, however, is likely to be finalised only by June 20.

Mamata Banerjee and Sharad Pawar during a meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday. • PTI

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ED questions Rahul for over 11 hours

The former Cong. chief has been summoned for third time

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Amid heavy police deployment and detentions to prevent protests by Congress workers, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday questioned former Congress president Rahul Gandhi for the second day in a row in connection with a money laundering case linked to the *National Herald* newspaper.

The former Congress chief has been summoned for a third time on Wednesday, said ED sources.

Accompanied by his sister and general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Mr. Gandhi arrived at the ED headquarters around 11.05 a.m. But the questioning is said to have started from 11.30 a.m. and went on till 3.30 p.m., when the Congress leader took an hour-long lunch break.

Rejoining the investigation at 4.30 p.m., Mr. Gandhi left the ED office close to midnight as his questioning went on for more than 11 hours.

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Ex-judges write to SC against U.P. demolitions

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Six former judges of the Supreme Court and various High Courts and six senior advocates have appealed to the Supreme Court to take *suo motu* cognisance of the recent acts of bulldozing residences of those who protested in Prayagraj against the objectionable remarks made by certain BJP spokespersons.

The petition, signed by Justices B. Sudarshan Reddy, V. Gopala Gowda, A.K. Ganguly, A.P. Shah, K. Chandru and Mohammed Anwar, and veteran advocates Shanti Bhushan, Indira Jaisingh, Sriram Panchu, Prashant Bhushan and Anand Grover, cited reports of violence and repression by officials in Uttar Pradesh. They said that instead of giving protesters an opportunity of being heard, the administration sanctioned violent actions.

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B.S. Patil is Karnataka's Lokayukta

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The former Karnataka High Court judge Bhimanagouda Sanganagouda Patil *(in picture)* has been appointed as the new Lokayukta of Karnataka.

Mr. Patil, who is presently serving as the Upalokayukta, has been elevated to the post of the Lokayukta of Karnataka. An order issued by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Tuesday said Mr. Patil has been appointed based on the recommendation of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Mr. Bommai made the recommendation after consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka, the Chairman of the Legislative Council, the Speaker of the Assembly, and leaders of the Opposition in both the Houses of the State legislature.

Born in 1956, Mr. Patil enrolled as an advocate in 1980 and practised in trial courts and the High Court. He was appointed as a permanent judge of the High Court in 2004. The post of the head of the anti-corruption ombudsman in the State has been vacant since P. Vishwanatha Shetty stepped down in January.

COVID cluster in two schools; BBMP issues guidelines

Masks, social distancing in schools made mandatory

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

As COVID-19 cases are gradually rising in the State, 31 students from two private schools in Bengaluru tested positive, leading both the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the Education Department to spring into action.

As many as 21 students from New Standard English School and 10 students from MES School of BBMP Dasarahalli zone, Rajagopalanagar, tested positive following a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) conducted during a vaccination programme on June 9 by the BBMP.

State Health Commissioner Randeep D. said the schools have been directed to ensure that students mandatorily wear face masks and they are physically distanced in the class or while eating.

"We have told them that all symptomatic students should not be allowed to attend classes. All the primary and secondary contacts of the infected children are being tested," he said. The commissioner added that all are mildly symptomatic and home isolated.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Health) Dr. K.V. Trilok Chandra said as a precautionary measure, both the schools announced holidays for two to three days up to classes V and VI and the premises had been completely sanitised. All the students have been vaccinated.

But the incident led to panic among parents. Gayathri, the parent of a Class 6 student, told *The Hindu*, "My son is studying in class VI in a private school. COVID has consumed two years of our children's education. Online classes were not convenient to the students and it led to a setback in the learning process. So, this academic year, we are very eager to send our children to school. But cases are rising again and we are scared. If the cases rise further, I don't want to send my son to school."

DPI meeting

Department of Public Instruction Commissioner Vishal R. convened a meeting on Tuesday and discussed with Health and education department officials and private school managements about the COVID situation. He instructed officials and school managements to effectively implement the standard operating protocol (SOP) in all the schools to prevent COVID and asked them to speed up the vaccination drive in schools.

Dr. Vishal, told to *The Hindu*, "Parents are playing a very important role in preventing the pandemic. So, it is very important to create awareness among the parents. There are already some SOPs in schools and they will be implemented effectively."

He also urged parents not to panic.

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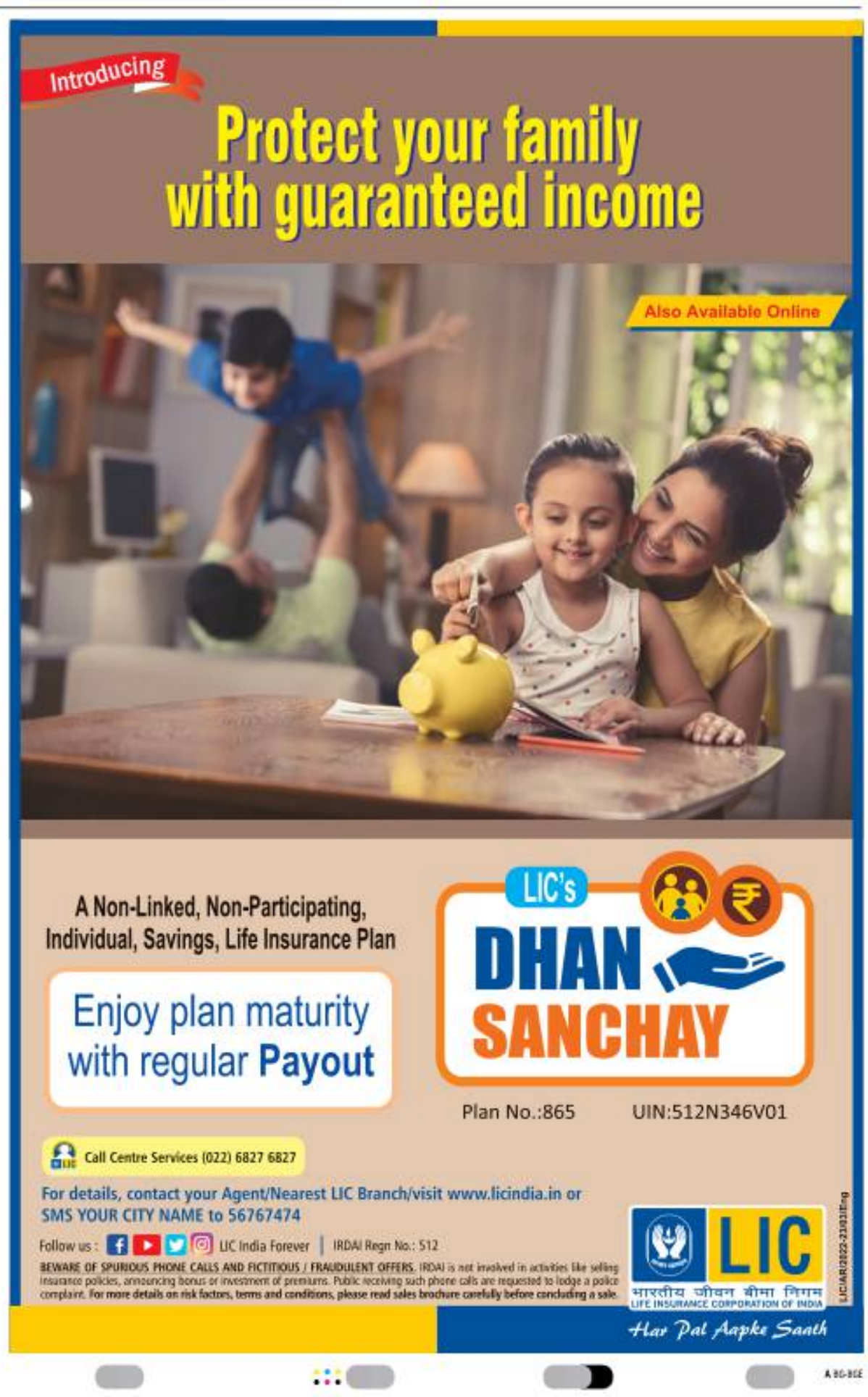
Steps to be followed by educational institutions

- Thermal screening mandatory for all students and staff
- Anyone with COVID symptoms should immediately be tested, and isolated until the result is known
- Wearing masks, maintaining social distance, using sanitiser, and maintaining cleanliness on school premises compulsory
- Ensure all staff members are fully vaccinated. If there are any eligible staff who are not vaccinated, arrange for them to be vaccinated immediately
- Prompt action by all eligible students of the institute to get vaccinated

Steps to be taken by citizens/parents

- Ensure that all eligible members at home are vaccinated
- If any member of the household has symptoms, immediately get checked at the nearest COVID test centre
- Motivate all eligible children at home to take the vaccine
- Take care of the health of senior members at home



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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Streak ends

233 Stephen Curry's streak of 3-pointers in postseason and regular-season games that ended on Monday night after a run that lasted three and a half years. For the first time in his career, Stephen Curry couldn't get a 3-pointer to fall in an NBA postseason game. Curry was 0 for 9 behind the arc in the Warriors' 104-94 victory over the Boston Celtics in game five of the NBA finals on Monday night. His 233-game run topped his previous record of 196 straight games and is more than twice as long as any player ever. AP

Palm oil imports

33 The percentage by which India's palm oil imports dipped during May this year according to industry body Solvent Extractors Association (SEA). The share of palm oil is about 50% of the country's total vegetable oil imports. India's total vegetable oil imports declined to 10,05,547 tonnes in May this year, compared to 12,13,142 tonnes in the year-ago period. Among soft oils, the import of soyabean oil increased sharply to 3.73 lakh tonnes in May this year, as against 2.67 lakh tonnes in the same period of the previous year. PTI

Pollution toll

5 The number of years in life expectancy an average Indian stands to lose if the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines are not followed, according to University of Chicago's (EPIC) Air Quality Life Index (AQLI). "Of all the countries in the world, India faces the highest health burden of air pollution due to its high particulate pollution concentrations and large population," the report said. The Indian population of about 130 crore people live in areas where the annual average particulate pollution level exceeds the WHO guidelines. PTI

Record high

15.88 The percentage by which India's wholesale price-based inflation rose in May on the back of rising prices of food items and crude oil. The Wholesale Price Index-based (WPI) inflation was 15.08% in April and 13.11% in May last year. The WPI inflation has remained in double digits for the 14th consecutive month since April last year. Inflation of food items in May was 12.34%, as prices of vegetables, wheat and fruits witnessed a sharp spike over the year ago period. PTI

Prophet remark row

337 The number of people arrested by the Uttar Pradesh police in connection with the violence that erupted following Friday prayers on June 10 over a controversial remark against Prophet Mohammad. 13 FIRs have also been registered in nine districts in connection with the case. A mob had pelted stones at the police during the violence in Prayagraj and Saharanpur. At least four other cities witnessed similar scenes. A few motorcycles and carts were also set on fire in protest against the controversial remarks. PTI

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EXPLAINER

Can the new Google chatbot be sentient?

Is there a possibility of future Artificial Intelligence technologies becoming 'conscious'?

THE GIST

- LaMDA, Google's modern conversational agent is enabled with a neural network capable of deep learning. LaMDA is Google's answer to the quest for developing a non-goal directed chatbot that dialogues on various subjects. Such advanced software could revolutionise customer interaction and help AI-enabled internet search.
- With access to big data and a powerful processor, deep learning softwares can learn by itself, unsupervised by humans, by sorting and sifting through massive data and finding hidden patterns. Google claims that LaMDA can make sense of nuanced conversation and engage in a natural conversation. However, these seemingly human-like agents rely on pattern recognition, not empathy, wit, candour or intent.
- The challenges of AI metamorphosing into sentient are far in the future; however, unethical AI perpetuating historical bias and echoing hate speech are the real dangers to watch for.

T.V.VENKATESWARAN

The story so far: Blake Lemoine, a U.S. military veteran, identifies himself as a priest, an ex-convict and an Artificial Intelligence (AI) researcher. He was engaged by Google to test for bias/hate speech in the Language Model for Dialogue Applications (LaMDA), Google's nextGen conversational agent. He was sent away on paid leave after claiming that the updated software is now sentient. He claims that the neural network with deep learning capacity has the consciousness of a child of seven or eight years old. He argues that consent from the software must be obtained before experiments are run on it. Google and many tech experts have dismissed the claim. However, this episode, which came on the heels of Google firing Timnit Gebru over her warnings on their unethical AI, has caused ripples in social media.

Is AI technology here?

AI technology appears futuristic. However, Facebook's facial recognition software which identifies faces in the photos we post, the voice recognition software that translates commands we bark at Alexa, and the Google Translate app are all examples of AI tech already around us.

Inspired by the mathematician Alan Turing's answer to the question 'Can a machine think?', AI tech today aims to satisfy the Turing test to qualify as 'intelligent'. Turing was the designer and builder of the world's first computer, ENIGMA, which was used to break the German codes during the Second World War. To test if a machine 'thinks', Turing devised a practical solution. Place a computer in a closed room and a human in another. If an interrogator interacting with the machine and the human cannot discriminate between them, then Turing said that the computer should be construed as 'intelligent'. We use the reverse Turing test, CAPTCHA, to limit technology access to humans and keep the bots at bay.

Which were the first chatbots to be devised?

As electronics improved and first-generation computers came about, Joseph Weizenbaum of the MIT Artificial Intelligence Laboratory built ELIZA, a computer programme with which users could chat. ALICE (Artificial Linguistic Internet Computer Entity), another early chatbot developed by Richard Wallace, was capable of simulating human interaction. In the 1930s, linguist George Kingsley Zipf analysed the typical human speech and found that most of the utterances began with 2,000 words. Using this information, Wallace theorised that the bulk of commonplace chitchat in everyday interaction was limited. He found that just about 40,000 responses were enough to respond to 95% of what people chatted about. With assistance from about 500 volunteers, Wallace continuously improved ALICE's responses repertoire by analysing user chats, making the fake conversions look real. The software won the Loebner Prize as "the most human computer" at the Turing Test contests in 2000, 2001, and 2004.

What is a neural network?

A neural network is an AI tech that attempts to mimic the web of neurons in the brain to learn and behave like humans. Early efforts in building neural networks targeted image recognition. The artificial neural network (ANN) needs to be trained like a dog before being commanded. For example, during the image recognition training, thousands of specific cat images are broken down to pixels and fed into the ANN. Using complex algorithms, the ANN's mathematical system extracts particular characteristics like the line that curves from right to left at a certain angle, edges or several lines that merge to form a larger shape from each cat image. The software learns to recognise the key patterns that delineate what a general 'cat' looks like from these parameters.

Early machine learning software needed human assistance. The training images had to be labelled as 'cats', 'dogs' and so on by humans before being fed into the system. In contrast, access to big data and a powerful processor is enough for the emerging deep learning softwares. The App learns by itself, unsupervised by humans, by sorting and sifting through the massive data and finding the hidden patterns.

What is LaMDA?

LaMDA is short for 'Language Model for Dialogue Applications', Google's modern conversational agent enabled with a neural network capable of deep learning. Instead of images of cats and dogs, the algorithm is trained using 1.56 trillion words of public dialogue data and web text on diverse topics. The neural network built on Google's open-source neural network, Transformer, extracted more than 137 billion parameters from this massive database of language data. The chatbot is not yet public, but users are permitted to interact with it. Google claims that LaMDA can make sense of nuanced conversation and engage in a fluid and natural conversation. The LaMDA 0.1 was unveiled at Google's annual developer conference in May 2021, and the LaMDA 0.2 in 2022.

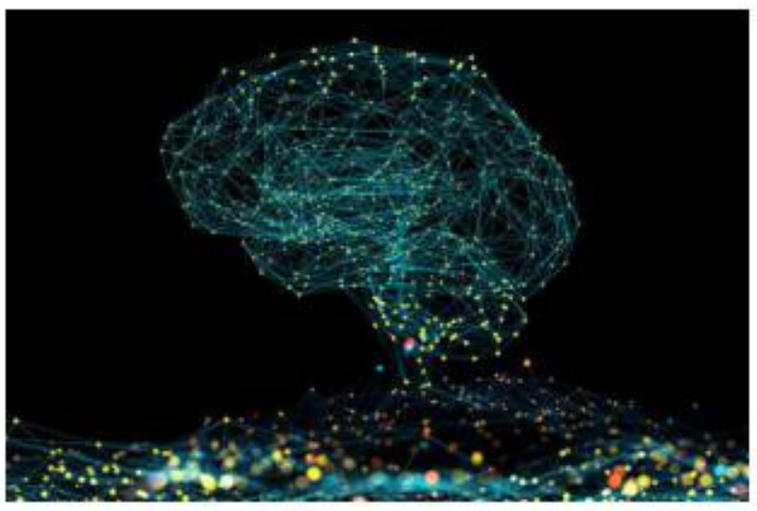
How is LaMDA different from other chatbots?

Chatbots like 'Ask Disha' of the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) are routinely used for customer engagement. The repertoire of topics and chat responses is narrow. The dialogue is predefined and often goal-directed. For instance, try chatting about the weather with Ask Disha or about the Ukrainian crisis with the Amazon chat app. LaMDA is Google's answer to the quest for developing a non-goal directed chatbot that dialogues on various subjects. The chatbot would respond the way a family might when they chat over the dinner table; topics meandering from the taste of the food to price rise to bemoaning war in Ukraine. Such advanced conversational agents could revolutionise customer interaction and help AI-enabled internet search, Google hopes.

How intelligent are AI's?

The Turing test is a powerful motivator for developing practical AI tools. However, scholars, such as philosopher John Searle, use the 'Chinese Room Argument' to demonstrate that passing the Turing test is inadequate to qualify as intelligent.

Once I used Google Translate to read WhatsApp messages in French from a conference organiser in France and in turn replied back to her in French. For some time, she was fooled into thinking that I could speak French. I would have passed the



'Turing test', but no sane person would claim that I know French. This is an example of the Chinese room experiment. The imitation game goes only so far.

Further scholars point out that AI tech uses a false analogy of learning. A baby learns a language from close interaction with caregivers and not by ploughing through a massive amount of language data. Moreover, whether intelligence is the same as sentience is a moot question. However, the seemingly human-like conversational agents rely on pattern recognition, not empathy, wit, candour or intent.

Is the technology dangerous?

The challenges of AI metamorphosing into sentient are far in the future; however, unethical AI perpetuating historical bias and echoing hate speech are the real dangers to watch for. Imagine an AI software trained with past data to select the most suitable candidates from applicants for a supervisory role. Women and marginalised communities hardly would have held such positions in the past, not because they were unqualified, but because they were discriminated against. While we imagine the machine to have no bias, AI software learning from historical data could inadvertently perpetuate discrimination.

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EXPLAINER

A closer look at the Reuters Institute Digital News Report 2022

What does the report say on news consumption patterns? Why are people increasingly losing trust in news media platforms?

THE GIST

- The 2022 Reuters Institute Digital News Report finds that trust in news is falling in nearly half the countries surveyed, with significant proportions of the public, especially younger age groups, beginning to turn away from news.
- The average level of trust in news, at 42%, was found to be lower than the previous year.
- India registered a small increase in the level of trust, with 41% trusting news overall. YouTube (53%) and WhatsApp (51%) were the top social media platforms for sourcing news.

G. SAMPATH

The story so far: According to the 2022 Reuters Institute Digital News Report, trust in news is falling in nearly half the countries surveyed, with significant proportions of the public, especially younger age groups, beginning to turn away from news. Further, news consumption is increasingly happening via social media platforms such as TikTok rather than traditional media.

What is the scope of this report?

This study, an annual one commissioned by the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, tracks how news is consumed in different countries. This year's report, the eleventh overall, is based on a survey conducted by YouGuv, a British market research and data analytics firm, in January/February 2022 through online questionnaires. It covers 46 markets in six continents. Since it is based on online questionnaires, the findings are not necessarily nationally representative, especially for countries with lower internet penetration. For India, the data is more representative of younger English speakers and not the national population as such.

What are the major trends highlighted in the report?

Broadly, the report documents the ways

in which "the connection between journalism and much of the public may be fraying". It flags six major trends which could have wider socio-political implications. Firstly, people are trusting news content less and less. Second, consumption of traditional news media declined in nearly all the countries surveyed. Third, the proportion of news consumers who say that they "avoid news" has risen sharply across countries, with the report describing the phenomenon as "selective avoidance". Fourth, despite small increases in the proportion of people willing to pay for online news (mostly in richer countries), the growth in digital subscriptions for news content seems to be leveling off. Next, "the smartphone has become the dominant way in which most people first access news in the morning". Finally, the report notes that while Facebook remained the most-used social network for news, it is TikTok that has become the fastest-growing network, "reaching 40% of 18-24-year-olds, with 15% using the platform for news". TikTok, however, is currently banned in India.

What is 'selective avoidance' of news?

While the majority of people remained engaged with news, the report finds that a growing minority is increasingly choosing "to ration or limit their exposure to it – or at least to certain types of news". The report calls this behaviour "selective avoidance" and says this is one of the reasons why news consumptions levels have failed to increase as per expectations. The proportion that says they avoid news has doubled in Brazil (54%) and the U.K. (46%) since 2017. Across markets, respondents cited a variety of reasons for this avoidance. Many said they were "put off by the repetitiveness of the news agenda – especially around politics and COVID-19 (43%). Some said they were "worn out by the news" (29%). A significant number said they avoided news because they didn't trust it (29%). About one-third (36%), especially those under 35, said that news ruined their mood. About 17% said they avoided news because it led to arguments they would rather avoid, while 16% said reading the news led to feelings of powerlessness. A small percentage (14%) said that they didn't have time for news while 8% said that they found it too hard to understand.

What are the reasons cited for declining trust in news content?

The average level of trust in news, at 42%, was found to be lower than the previous year. Trust levels fell in 21 of the 46 markets surveyed, rising in just seven. The report states that an "indifference to news and its value, along with widespread perception of political and other biases by the media, are two of the main reasons for low trust". The trust levels were also lower among those on the right, compared to those on the left, of the ideological spectrum – a pattern most pronounced in the U.S. In France, on the other hand, the lack of trust closely tracked the class divide, with the 'haves' showing higher levels of trust, while the 'have-nots' viewed media as often aligning itself with the elites. Other reasons for low trust included perceptions of undue influence from business or political interests, with just 19% agreeing that "news organisations put what's best for society ahead of their own commercial or political interests." At the same time, many more said that all or most news outfits "put their own political views (40%) or commercial interests (42%) ahead of society."

What about preferred modes of news consumption?

Across markets and age groups, text is still king when it comes to news consumption. However, younger audiences, especially 'digital natives' who grew up with networks like Facebook and TikTok, were more likely to say they "watch the news". In India, 58% said that they "mostly read" the news while 17% said they "mostly watch" it. On the other hand, the comparable figures for Finland, which has a historic pattern of high newspaper consumption, was 85% and 3% respectively.

What does the report say about trends in India?

In the section on India, produced in collaboration with the Asian College of Journalism, the report, observing that "India is a strongly mobile-focussed market," says that 72% of the survey respondents accessed news through smartphones and 35% did so via computers. Also, 84% of the Indian respondents sourced news online, 63% from social media, 59% from television, and 49% from print. YouTube (53%) and WhatsApp (51%) were the top social media platforms for sourcing news. India registered a small increase in the level of trust, with 41% trusting news overall. While legacy print brands and public broadcasters continued to have high trust levels , only a minority – 36% and 35% – felt that the media was free from undue political influence and from undue business influence respectively.

'Establishments can stay open till 1 a.m. without police interference'

Retailers and hoteliers have 'positive meeting' with police officials over other demands

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

After multiple attempts to convince many City Police Commissioners to keep hotels and other commercial establishments in the city open 24x7, the hoteliers' association has said that "a positive meeting" was held with police officials and the Department of Commerce and Industries on Tuesday.

The police confirmed that while the 2016 order, which stated that commercial establishments can stay open until 1 a.m., will be followed in the city, no decision has been taken about the 24x7 business.

The meeting was attended by Ramana Reddy, Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department, Ramana Guptha, Joint Commissioner (Crime), and several representatives of the Bruhat Bengaluru Hoteliers' Association (BBHA), the Retailers' Association of India, and fast-food chain restaurants.

According to BBHA president P.C. Rao, the meeting had two agendas: assurance about permission to stay open till 1 a.m. and a decision about permission to stay open 24x7.

"It was confirmed to us that there will be no police interference up until 1 a.m. for the establishments to stay open. Henceforth, at least 40-50% hotels and restaurants in the city will now be open till that hour. Ice cream parlours and dessert shops especially, get most of their business only in the later hours," Mr. Rao said.

When asked if staying open all night would economically work out for all restaurants, he said that it is not a blanket rule that all establishments would stay open. "Depending on their business, a couple or more shops and hotels will be open in each area. It definitely means incurring some extra costs, but those willing can work it out".

Hoteliers and retailers also questioned why despite a government order, the police did not let them conduct business throughout the day. "In many other cities like Hyderabad and Mumbai, businesses function 24x7. We also pay GST like all of those businesses do. We have a government order from 2021. The police say that arranging more staff for the night hours will be a problem, but that should be solved within the department," they said.

Top police officials said that the ultimate decision about 24x7 business should be taken by the government. "We will continue to follow the 2016 order. But the decision about their other demand will go to the Chief Secretary to take a call on," said Joint Commissioner Raman Gupta

Meanwhile, residents in various commercial hubs, who have always opposed 24x7 business hours, continue to have their concerns. "Even if they stay open till 1 a.m., it would mean disturbance to those who live in the vicinity. It could either be loud music or more traffic or any such issue," said Vinay M., resident of J.P. Nagar.

BBMP ordered that status quo should be maintained on the property until a report is submitted by the legal cell of the civic body. • FILE PHOTO

Idgah maidan: BBMP asks wakf board to submit ownership papers

A three-day deadline has also been given to the board

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Amidst the ongoing row over the ownership of Idgah maidan, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Tuesday sent a letter to the Karnataka State Board of Wakfs to provide ownership documents. A three-day deadline has been given to the board to provide the documents for the 2 acre 10 gunta land.

The letter comes after the BBMP ordered that status quo should be maintained on the property until a report is submitted by the legal cell of the civic body.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, S.M. Srinivasa, Joint Commissioner (West Zone), BBMP, said "There is some confusion now and they are claiming that it is their land. That is why we have sent them [the wakf board] a notice asking them to submit proof of ownership to us within three days".

A few days ago, when some right-wing outfits had demanded clarification about the ownership of the Idgah maidan, the BBMP said that the ground was a playground owned by the civic body, where prayer gatherings could happen twice a month.

It was also said that the ground could be used for other activities. However, Muslim organisations, both the wakf board and the Central Muslim Association (CMA), had said that the land is a gazetted wakf property held by the CMA. Some right-wing outfits in the city are now arguing that the national flag should be hoisted there on Independence Day. Apart from that, there has also been a demand to host the International Yoga Day on June 21 and the Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav function on August 14 and 15 at the disputed land.

It has also been reported that some organisations might go down the legal route to get permission to hoist the flag, at least on Independence Day.

Although BBMP officials clarified that a letter was sent out on Tuesday, the wakf board officials reported that they had not received it until the end of the day (8.30 p.m.). "So far, no letters have come to our office. We will check if we receive something on Wednesday and then speak about the course of action," said Shafi Saadi, chairperson, wakf board.

City inspection

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai along with BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath inspected various development works in Bengaluru on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Donating blood as a means to counter hate

Success of initiative has spurred committee to expand it to 100 mosques across Bengaluru

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Amidst rising religious polarisation, a recent blood donation camp at Masjid-e-Mamoor, Koramangala, where over 500 men and women from various communities gathered and donated blood, had a poignant resonance. The success of the initiative has spurred the mosque committee to expand it to 100 mosques, under the banner 'Blood Flood' across the city.

Women registering their names before donating blood in Bengaluru. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The events in the State for the past several months are only poisoning the minds of people, especially the youth, trying to pitch one community against the other, harping on the differences, and trying to demonise us. The blood donation camp is a very good way to tell people that all of us are the same, with the same blood flowing in our body," said Mohammed Rehan Nawab, president, Masjid-e-Mamoor Committee.

"Encouraged by the response, we are now expanding the initiative to 100 mosques across the city," he said. As hundreds from other communities and nursing college students walked into the mosque to donate blood, the event turned into a rare platform of cultural exchange too. As many as 100 women also came to the mosque and donated blood.

"There has been a consistent vilification campaign by vested interests on social media and even sections of mainstream media against mosques and madrassas, branding them centres of anti-social and anti-national activities. These blood donation camps will be an opportunity to debunk this narrative. We want people from all communities to walk into our mosques and see for themselves and that is one of the reasons why the initiative has been expanded to a hundred mosques," said a member of the Masjid-e-Mamoor Committee.

Bandepalya police to give a helping hand to students

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bandepalya police have taken on a new responsibility: donning the role of teachers and guides, helping class X students to cross a major milestone. As many as 100 students, who failed in the SSLC exam in the area, have been identified and encouraged to get into 20 days of a crash course, to prepare for the upcoming supplementary exam.

"While probing a complaint, I realised that many students have failed exams and are going astray and thought of helping them in whatever possibly way," said L.Y., Rajesh, Inspector, Bandepalya.

The parents were counselled, asking them to enrol their children for the crash course. The next step was to get good teachers for the course, which was arranged after approaching the school managements in and around and getting a school as a venue, Mr. Rajesh said.

There are around 102 registrations for the classes. Most of the students are from schools in the Bandepalya police station limits.

Surprisingly, most of the students have failed in Kannada. "The students who are appearing for the exams are from the middle class and the lower middle class backgrounds. The main intention is that we don't want one year of the students to go to waste and we don't want them to get into wrong company," he added .

"We are also planning to help the students enrol in colleges and help them to complete graduation," the police added.

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Managing your finances from the command line

Understanding three utilities which could help keep us in check with respect to our personal financial expenses

Most of us as consumers and earners would like to keep a track of our personal financial transactions. However, it can be a tedious practice as the volume of transactions are high, diverse and requires parsing of many files. Through this article, we will be introduced to three utilities which can be used to make this job easier for us. The three powerful text processing command-line utilities, grep, sed, and awk, available in the GNU Bash Shell and commonly available in GNU/Linux operating systems can help us keep track of personal spending and earnings. Windows 10 users can use the Ubuntu on Windows feature to utilise the bash shell. See https://bit.ly/UbuntuOnWin for instructions on how to download this in the Windows 10 environment.

Written by **Prabodh C.P.**

Let us go through the process step-by-step. All examples in this article make use of the sample data set Expenses.csv containing personal income and expenditure information. (The dataset is available here https://bit.ly/incomedataset). This dataset has the following structure.

Posting Date	Day of the Week	Amount	Category	Description	Source

Let us start with our first utility, grep, a powerful search utility that can be applied to text documents. The general form of using grep is

$ grep search_pattern file_list

Imagine we want to list all transactions on an American Express credit card. You can achieve that by giving the following command.

$ grep "American Express Credit Card" Expenses.csv

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ grep  "American Express Credit Card" Expenses.csv
9/21/19,Saturday,-916.92,Merchandise,Best Buy,American Express Credit Card
9/21/19,Saturday,-214.92,Merchandise,Best Buy,American Express Credit Card
9/21/19,Saturday,-62.61,Merchandise,Best Buy,American Express Credit Card
9/21/19,Saturday,-51.97,Merchandise,Clothes,American Express Credit Card
9/21/19,Saturday,-19.42,Merchandise,Amazon,American Express Credit Card
```

One has to note that the search parameter should be included within double quotes if it consists of any white space. Otherwise, quotes are not necessary.

Sometimes one would be more interested in getting the number of transactions of a particular type; let's say you want to count the number of pharmacy related transactions. The following command can achieve this.

$ grep -c Pharmacy Expenses.csv

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ grep -c Pharmacy Expenses.csv
10
putta:~/TH/Article2$
```

Another common thing we encounter is that we do not remember filenames that contain a specific text in a particular directory. Here also grep can come to the rescue; all you have to do is issue a command with the following syntax.

$ grep -lr search_pattern folder

Suppose we want to list all files recursively within the Article2 directory containing the pattern awk; the following command achieves that.

$ grep -lr awk Article2/

```
putta:~/TH$ grep -lr awk Article2/
Article2/sedAWK.txt
Article2/Article.txt
Article2/Print/some.txt
putta:~/TH$
```

As we have seen so far, grep can be used only as a search utility and cannot be used to modify the file contents. Here is where the second utility sed comes in handy. sed is a stream editor used to apply text transformations. When we display the contents of Expenses.csv using the cat command (a command which displays the contents of one or more files without having to open the file for editing), the content may appear closely packed, making it difficult to view the contents. So, let's see how sed handles this in the following command.

$ sed -e 'i\ ' Expenses.csv

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ cat Expenses.csv
Posting Date,Day of the Week,Amount,Category,Description,Source
8/3/18,Friday,-1360,Bills,Rent,Chase Debit Card
8/4/18,Saturday,-117.89,Groceries,,Chase Debit Card
8/4/18,Saturday,-34.27,Merchandise,Makeup/Skin Care,Chase Debit Card
8/4/18,Saturday,-21.59,Merchandise,Amazon,Chase Debit Card
```

It will result in an empty line being added before each line of text, making it easy for the eye to view the contents.

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ sed -e 'i\ ' Expenses2.csv

Posting Date,Day of the Week,Amount,Category,Description,Source

8/3/18,Friday,-1360,Bills,Rent,Chase Debit Card

8/4/18,Saturday,-117.89,Groceries,,Chase Debit Card

8/4/18,Saturday,-34.27,Merchandise,Makeup/Skin Care,Chase Debit Card
```

One can obtain double spacing by using the following command.

$ sed -e 'i\\n' Expenses.csv

Now let's see how to highlight lines having a specific word. Suppose we want all Food related transactions to be underlined, issue the following command.

$ sed -e '/Food/a\t====================' Expenses2.csv

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ sed -e '/Food/a \t====================' Expenses.csv
Posting Date,Day of the Week,Amount,Category,Description,Source
8/3/18,Friday,-1360,Bills,Rent,Chase Debit Card
8/4/18,Saturday,-117.89,Groceries,,Chase Debit Card
8/4/18,Saturday,-34.27,Food,,Chase Debit Card
        ====================
```

Even more emphasis can be achieved by the following command

$ sed -e '/Food/a==========='-e'/Food/i===========' Expenses.csv

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ sed -e '/Food/a==========' -e '/Food/i==========' Expenses.csv
Posting Date,Day of the Week,Amount,Category,Description,Source
8/3/18,Friday,-1360,Bills,Rent,Chase Debit Card
8/4/18,Saturday,-117.89,Groceries,,Chase Debit Card
==========
8/4/18,Saturday,-34.27,Food,,Chase Debit Card
==========
```

The following example shows how we can segregate transactions of a particular type, let's say those related to groceries. If we we want all grocery related purchases to be written to a separate file say Groceries.csv.

$ sed -n '/Groceries/w Groceries.csv' Expenses.csv

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ sed -n '/Groceries/w Groceries.csv' Expenses.csv
putta:~/TH/Article2$ cat Groceries.csv
8/4/18,Saturday,-117.89,Groceries,,Chase Debit Card
8/31/18,Friday,-107,Groceries,,Chase Debit Card
9/10/18,Monday,-122.52,Groceries,,Chase Debit Card
```

sed can also be used to perform string substitution. For example, if we want to change all the entries of 'Other' to 'Miscellaneous', it can be done as follows

$ sed -n '/Other/s//Miscellaneous/' Expenses.csv

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ sed '/Other/s//Miscellaneous/' Expenses.csv > new.csv
putta:~/TH/Article2$ grep Miscellaneous new.csv
12/24/18,Monday,-20,Miscellaneous,,Chase Debit Card
1/17/19,Thursday,-1.64,Miscellaneous,,Discover Credit Card
4/4/19,Thursday,-0.56,Miscellaneous,,M&T Debit Card
```

So far, we have seen text processing capabilities of sed. It is now time to look into the awk utility, which is more potent because it is highly programmable. It provides programmable constructs like conditionals, looping, formatting, etc. In our earlier examples, the way text was displayed was not pleasing to the eye. We will now format the content such that its display is more aesthetic. The following awk command shows its formatting capabilities.

$ awk -F"," 'NR > 1 {printf("%10s\t%.3s %16.2f %-10.10s\t %-30s\n", $1, $2, $3, $4, $6)}' Expenses.csv

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ awk -F"," 'NR > 1 {printf("%10s\t%.3s  %16.2f
%-11.11s\t %-30s\n", $1, $2, $3, $4, $6)}' Expenses.csv
    8/3/18      Fri          -1360.00   Bills           Chase Debit Card
    8/4/18      Sat           -117.89   Groceries       Chase Debit Card
    8/4/18      Sat            -34.27   Food            Chase Debit Card
    8/4/18      Sat            -21.59   Merchandise     Chase Debit Card
```

Now let us look at slightly more complex examples; let's say we want to list the various types of expense categories present in the file. To do this, we should focus on the fourth column, which indicates the transaction category. Additionally, we want only the unique values from this column. We can achieve it as follows. First, we fetch the contents of the fourth column, sort it and later eliminate duplicates using the uniq command.

$ awk -F "," 'NR>1 {print $4}' Expenses.csv | sort | uniq

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ awk -F "," 'NR>1 {print $4}' Expenses.csv | sort | uniq
Bills
Direct Deposit
Entertainment
Food
Groceries
Merchandise
```

Suppose we want to find the highest expenditure among all our transactions. This would require more instructions therefore, let us write it as a script named FetchMax.awk.

```
BEGIN {FS=",";max = 0; }
NR > 1 {if ($3<max) {max=$3; maxcat=$4; maxdate=$1}}
END {print "The highest expenditure was $", -max, "in",
maxcat,"category on", maxdate}
```

$ awk -f FetchMax.awk Expenses.csv

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ awk -f FetchMax.awk Expenses.csv
The highest expenditure was $ 27308.4 in Tuition category on 9/30/19
putta:~/TH/Article2$
```

Next, let us find the total expenditure for the Merchandise category. The script file CategoryExpenses.awk is shown below.

```
BEGIN {FS=","; tot=0; cnt=0}
NR > 1 {if($4 == "Merchandise" && $3 < 0 )
{tot += $3;cnt+=1}}
END{
print "Total expenses on merchandise is $", -tot;
print "There were", cnt, "transactions in this category";
}
```

Use the command,
$ awk -f CategoryExpenses.awk Expenses.csv

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ awk -f CategoryExpenses.awk
Expenses.csv
Total expenses on merchandise is $ 11691.6
There were 361 transactions in this category
putta:~/TH/Article2$
```

We can improve the script much further by specifying the category during runtime, shown in CategoryExp2.awk.

```
BEGIN {FS=","; tot=0;cnt=0}
NR > 1 {if($4 == category && $3 < 0 ) {tot += $3;
cnt += 1}}
END{
print "Total expenses on", category, "is", -tot;
print "There were", cnt, "transactions in this
category";
}
```

$ awk -v category="Groceries" -f CategoryExpenses2.awk Expenses.csv

```
putta:~/TH/Article2$ awk -v category="Groceries" -f
CategoryExp2.awk Expenses.csv
Total expenses on Groceries is 6098.23
There were 115 transactions in this category
putta:~/TH/Article2$
```

We have seen how the three utilities grep, sed and awk form a powerful triad that is essential for anyone dealing with text processing on large texts. sed is best for string processing, and awk is better at handling columnar data. These can be further combined together to achieve even more complex tasks. To sum it up, this troika of utilities is like a swiss knife in the armory of a data analyst.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), a transcontinental political, economic, security and military alliance, was founded on June 15, 2001. Here is a quiz on similar alliances, trade blocs and other forums among countries from across the world

1 The Visegrád Group, a cultural and political alliance of four Central European countries, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia was established in 1991. The name of the group can be traced to which event in world history?

2 This term is used to refer to the eastern part of the Arab world, comprising seven countries located in Western Asia and eastern North Africa. There is a companion term to the above-mentioned term which is used to refer to the western part of North Africa. Mention the two terms.

3 The Central American Integration System, an organisation of Central American states was formed in 1991. This was formed with the signing of which protocol? It is also called by another name, after one of the member states of the organisation? What is it?

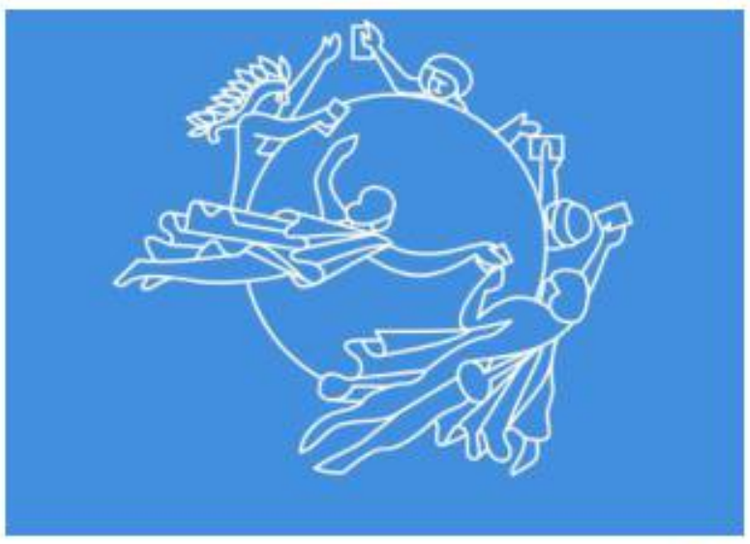
4 The New Development Bank (NDB), formerly referred to as the BRICS Development Bank, a development bank established by the BRICS states (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) has four more members apart from the five founding states. Name them.

5 The SAARC Literary Award is an annual award conferred by the foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature since 2001. Who is the only writer to have been given this award twice?

6 This is a legally binding environmental agreement signed in 2002 by the member states of the ASEAN to reduce haze pollution in Southeast Asia. What is the name of the treaty?

7 The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has been replaced by a new agreement. What is the new agreement called?

8 Mercosur is a South American trade bloc established in 1991. The name Mercosur is a portmanteau of which Spanish word? What does it mean?



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3. India's 1st International Master. **Ans: Manual Aaron**
4. Who in 2016 became the youngest international master in history. **Ans: Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa**
5. The position to which this piece is moved on the chess board when a player makes the 1.e4 move. **Ans: The pawn in front of the king by two squares**
Visual: The name of the computer that defeated the chess world champion Garry Kasparov in May 1997. **Ans: Deep Blue**

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PU admissions: Demand for Science picks up

'Liberal evaluation' of SSLC papers, new emerging arenas are cited as reasons

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A file photo of students submitting PU admissions forms.

As colleges begin to reopen, after a period of Commerce being the preferred choice of students, this year's Pre University College (PUC) admissions show that Science courses are back in demand. At many private PU colleges in the city, admissions have filled up almost 80-90% for Science courses, while Commerce seats are still open.

In both Science and Commerce combinations, Computer Science is the most sought after subject, according to college managements. The classic Science combination of Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Biology (PCMB) is also much in demand.

"We are done with 90% of our admissions at our main and composite colleges. From what we have seen, there is a sudden demand spurt for the combination of Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Computer Science (PCMC). I do not exactly know the reasons, but this year, Commerce courses are not as much in demand as they were in the last three years," said Wooday P. Krishna, general secretary of Seshadripuram Educational Trust.

In Commerce colleges, while Computer Science is the first preference, Statistics is next on the list. "We are getting a lot of enquiries for Computer Science, Economics, Business Administration, and Accounting (CEBA) combination. We do not offer Computer Science at our college, so the students' next demand is for Statistics," Natesh H.E., Principal, MES PU College, Malleshwaram told *The Hindu*.

The demand for Humanities has gone down further, lower than previous years, even at colleges which are well known for the courses. "We are getting most of our enquiries for Science, with the combination of PCMB, and Commerce also doing well. Usually, we used to have two sections for Humanities - one for Political Science and the other for Psychology. This time, the strength for both combinations is so less that there will mostly be only one section," said an admissions officer at NMKRV PU College in Jayanagar.

Another private college, well known for Humanities, in Koramangala also said that most enquiries for admissions have only been for Science.

Experts cite two reasons for the sudden spurt in demand for Science courses at PU colleges: "liberal evaluation" for Class X exams evident in the results, and new emerging arenas – Data Science – and an increase in Pharma and medical-centric jobs post COVID-19.

"Many students have gotten 80-95% in their SSLC exam this year. Naturally, the students think that they can avail themselves of Science courses which usually have a higher cut-off percentage," said Ravi, Principal, Government PU College for Girls, Malleswaram. "Coming to Computer Science, it's more of a herd mentality, especially now since there is a lot of demand for data and tech in the scientific sector," he added.

Another principal at a private college said, "There is more scope for research and development, data-related jobs and pure Science research in the post COVID-19 world. A lot of students have been inspired to take up medical/paramedical jobs. Maybe that is why the demand for Science has risen again".

Labourer stabbed to death

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

CRIME NOTES

A 37-year-old labourer was stabbed to death on M.M. Road in Pulakeshinagar on Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Bikas M., a native of West Bengal.

He was working as a contract labourer for the Namma Metro project. Bikas was found dead in a pool of blood close to the stormwater drain on M.M. Road. Passers-by noticed the body and alerted the police.

The police shifted the body for post-mortem while initiating investigation, and verifying the CCTV camera footage from in and around the area to identify the assailant. The police are also enquiring with the friends and the family of the deceased to know with whom Bikas was seen for the last time.

Bikes recovered

The Govindarajnagar police on Tuesday arrested a gang of three persons and recovered five bikes worth ₹3.5 lakh from them.

The accused, Ashok, Sudeep, and Chandrappa, were caught when the police intercepted them riding on a bike. The police also recovered a dagger and took the trio to the station for questioning.

Detailed questioning led them to confess that they had stolen bikes parked in front of houses in Basaveshwaranagar, Magadi Road, and Yeshwanthpur police station limits, the police said.

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Covid-19 - Precautionary measures to be adhered by the public

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Avoid touching of Mouth, nose and eyes with your hand

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Maintain Safe distance from others (Physical distance at least 6 feet)

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Colleges deal with pandemic-hit students

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Private and government college managements expressed the need to give more attention to the new batch of students. After getting used to sitting before screens in the comfort of their homes for two years, students should now get used to one hour classes at colleges, unlike the 40 minute periods at schools. "At many high schools, there are no labs or practical classes. Hence, in the first week, we will not have any practical classes to not make things difficult. After a week or two, we will introduce lab sessions," Natesh H.E., Principal, MES PU College, Malleshwaram, said.

Wooday P. Krishna, general secretary of Seshadripuram Educational Trust, added that they are unsure of the grasping and other capabilities of students due to the problems in the last two years. "We cannot really go by the marks they have gotten. Only when they come to college will we be able to assess their potential. This is the one batch that requires more attention than usual," he said.

HC quashes POCSO case against Bishop

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

FROM THE COURT

The High Court of Karnataka has quashed proceedings initiated by a sessions court for Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) cases in 2017 against Rt. Rev. Prasanna Kumar Samuel, Bishop, Church of South India-Karnataka Central Diocese, Bengaluru.

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar passed the order while allowing the petition filed by Mr. Samuel questioning the December 2017 decision of the sessions court to include him as one of the accused even though he was not named in the charge sheet.

A case under the POCSO Act was registered with the Cubbon Park police station in January 2015 in relation to alleged sexual assault on some of the girls on the premises of a prestigious school in the central part of the city. The police filed a charge sheet in February 2016 against some accused persons and it did not include the petitioner's name.

However, the sessions court had arraigned the petitioner as an accused on a application filed by the public prosecutor contending that there are specific allegations of overt acts against the petitioner.

"The perusal of the charge sheet material and so also the statement of the victim recorded under Section 164 of Cr.P.C which clearly discloses that the petitioner is not involved in the commission of the aforesaid offences," the High Court observed while pointing out that the trial court had issued summons to the petitioner without perusing the charge sheet material.

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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR FOR IGIDR

Please refer to the advertisement for Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), dated 23 March, 2022. In order to increase the zone of consideration so as to receive applications from applicants with eminence and experience, and to progressively align qualifications with the University Grants Commission norms, it has been decided to relax the age criteria for the above post. The details are as follows-

As the Director of the Institute, and its principal academic and executive officer, the applicant should be an eminent scholar with proven track record of outstanding research and academic achievements, with the highest level of competence, integrity, and institutional commitment.

The person should be a distinguished academician, with a minimum of ten years of experience as Professor in a University or ten years of experience in a reputed research and / or academic administrative organisation with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.

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Rave party: Police intensify probe to identify drug supplier

Five were arrested and later released on bail as the police could not recover drugs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Halasuru police are continuing the investigation into the drug case, involving Bollywood actor and DJ Siddhanth Kapoor and five others, to identify the person who supplied drugs at the party. A raid at a hotel on M.G. Road late on Sunday night saw five people being arrested and later released on bail for allegedly consuming drugs at a rave party.

The police booked the sixth accused as an unknown person, assuming that he is the peddler and efforts are on to track him down.

The accused, who were released on station bail, appeared before the police on Tuesday for questioning. Though the sections under the NDPS Act pressed against them are serious in nature, they were released on bail as the police could not recover drugs from anyone, sources said.

The police questioned the hotel staff and recovered the entry ledger to find out who attended the party. Siddhanth, who was booked for consuming drugs, was the DJ at the party. The police said he claimed that someone offered him drinks and cigarettes and did not know it was "spiked".

"Siddhanth had visited the hotel many times before and was also given a room to stay in the hotel. We are analysing the CDR from the accused's mobile phone. The main focus is to track down the supplier and the probe is going on to find out who attended the party," a senior police officer said.

Tailor's label on collar helps police solve murder

Accused was angry as victim was having affair with his wife: Police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

It was almost the perfect crime: a murder planned and executed by a carpenter, who allegedly strangled a 27-year-old labourer to death in an isolated place on the outskirts of the city and set fire to the body on the night of October 30 last year.

The police recovered the highly decomposed body from the outskirts of Bagepalli two days later and recovered the label of a tailor. They registered a case of murder and Superintendent of Police Mithun Kumar G.K. formed a special team to trace the identity of the deceased.

The police reached 'SS Mens Wear' in D.J. Halli and with the help of the tailor's book, identified the deceased as Syed Mustafa, a construction labourer from D.J. Halli who was missing.

With the help of the local police, they recovered the CDR details and found that he was having an affair with his neighbour. Suspecting that the murder could have a link to this, the police summoned the woman who confessed about the affair and told the police that she suspected her husband to be behind the mysterious missing case of Mustafa.

The police picked up the husband, Babavali, who, after detailed interrogation, confessed that he had killed Mustafa to take revenge.

Babavali, 38, a carpenter, came to know that Mustafa was having an affair with his wife and used to have frequent fights with her. Unable to bear the harassment, the wife allegedly told him that she did not like him anymore, which irked Babavali, who decided to eliminate Mustafa, the police said.

The police said that as per the plan, he pretended that he befriended Mustafa before inviting him to his hometown in Bagepalli for a party. Mustafa agreed and on the fateful day, Babavali borrowed an autorickshaw and along with Mustafa, drove to the outskirts of Bagepalli where he offered him liquor.

After some time, when Mustafa was intoxicated, Babavali strangulated him to death and poured petrol on his body and set it on fire before returning home to his wife, the police added.

The police arrested Babavali on the charges of murder and destroying evidence and remanded him in judicial custody.

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Letter No.181/FED/Silk/Powerloom Procurement/2022-23 Date: 13.06.2022

E-Tender Notice

Uttarakhand Cooperative Resham Federation invites E-tenders from reputed Firms/Manufacturers/Authorized Supplier for procurement of Powerloom Electronic-jacquard, semi-automatic warping drum etc. The interested tenderers can upload their tenders as per programme mentioned bellow. The complete tender document, terms of condition and specification can also be downloaded from the e-procurement website www.uktenders.gov.in

S.No.	Description	Dated
1.	Web Portal / Platform	www.uktenders.gov.in
2.	Tender document will be available on website	14.06.2022
3.	Last date for Reaching the Technical and Financial bids	28.06.2022 upto 5:00 p.m.
4.	Date of receiving the following in original at Managing Director, UCRF office i. Tender form ii Earnest money DD iii Tender Fee DD iv Technical bid v Samples.	14.06.2022 to 28.06.2022 upto 5:00 p.m.
5.	Date of opening of Technical Bid Date of opening of FINANCAL BID	29.06.2022 at 2.00 PM 29.06.2022 at 4.00 PM
6.	Award of tenders	29.06.2022 at 5.00 PM

Managing Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the NOTICE of General Public, that **SMT. NIRMALA M BALLARY**, aged about 57 years w/o. Mahabaleshwar R/at No. 36, 4th Block, 7th Main Road Nandini Layout, BANGALORE 560 096, is the full & absolute owner of the Site No. 17 with PID No. 12-82-69/1 carved out of Sy No. 1 of JARAKABANDE KAVALU VILLAGE, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, which is morefully described in the schedule below having acquired from her previous owner/vendor **H.R. Nagendra Gupta** under sale deed dated 26/11/2004 registered as Document NO. RJN-1-05742/2004-05 of Book I Stored in C.D. NO. RJND59 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore.

It is further notified to the General Public that Nirmala M Ballary had lost the earlier Original Sale Deed dated 17/11/1980 executed by Original Owner/s/Bylappa in favour of H.R. Nagendra Gupta, registered as Document No. 10636/1980-81 of Book I Volume No. 3360 at pages 64 to 65 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk. The Police complaint in this regard was also lodged vide bearing Lost Report No. 0212064/2022 dated 29/04/2022. I hereby request on behalf of Nirmala M Ballary that if any person/s come across or find the same, he/she/they are requested to hand over the same to the below mentioned address & they will be compensated for the inconvenience caused to them for delivering the same to us.

The General Public are hereby further cautioned that if anybody deals with the Schedule site with any person/s on the basis of the misplaced/lost document mentioned above, it is at their own risk & cost and such person/s will not derive any title over the Schedule Property and in such an event they have no claim of whatsoever nature against Nirmala M Ballary nor against the Schedule Property.

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Shri. G.N. HARISH, Advocates,
312, Ground Floor, 21st 'A' Cross,
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Bangalore Date : 15-06-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public in General that my Client i.e. **Sri. Sathish .K.B.** S/o Late Bylappa .K.G, R/at Kenkere Village, Ramanagara – 561101 is intent to purchase the residential property bearing **vacant Site No. 158** of V.P. Katha No. 222, formed in Converted Sy.No.37/5, the layout formed by KPCL Employees Co-operative Housing Society Limited, Bangalore, situated at **Junnasandra Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** coming under Doddakannalli Village Panchayath area site **measuring: East to West : 50 (Fifty) Feet and North to South : 30 (Thirty) Feet. In all measuring : 1500 Square Feet** from one **Sri. Kumar. D.H, S/o. Late. D.K. Hanumanthappa,** which is morefully described herein and hereinafter referred to as the **'Schedule Property'.** Hence, on 10.06.2022, my client Sri. Sathish. K.B and property owner Sri. Kumar. D.H. have entered into Agreement of Sale in respect of the Schedule Property.

This is further inform to the Public that, if any person having any claim, objections, or interest over the Schedule Property shall be send their objections /claims to the below mentioned address within **15 days** along with all their necessary documents, otherwise my client would be complete the Deed of Sale transaction with Sri. Kumar. D.H. S/o. Late. D.K. Hanumanthappa in respect of the Schedule Property. If any objections/claims would come after 15 days from the date of this public notice cannot be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT, PUNJAB
(PUNJAB RURAL WATER & SANITATION SECTOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT)
PROJECT ID. : P150520, LOAN NO.: IBRD- 84870-IN

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(Consulting Services--Firms Selections)

Assignment: Hiring a Consulting Firm for Formulating a Strategy to Improve Service Delivery in Canal Based Rural Water Supply Schemes in Punjab

1. IBRD (The World Bank) has approved a credit amount of Rs. 2200 crore to Punjab Government for the implementation of Punjab Rural Water and Sanitation Sector Improvement Project (PRWSSIP). This project is under implementation since 2015. Now the Government of Punjab (GoP) intends to apply part of the available proceeds of this loan for hiring a Consulting Firm for Formulating a Strategy to Improve Service Delivery in Canal Based Rural Water Supply Schemes in Punjab.
2. **Objective:** The assignment is to hire a consulting firm to undertake a study of selected canal-based schemes and recommending solutions for improvement of service delivery parameters which may include but not limiting to:
   a) Shifting/ upgrading sources; upgrade treatment systems/ use of improved treatment technology and improved conveyance (transmission) system of existing canal-based schemes to ensure water is drawn from dependable/ sustainable sources and upgrade schemes that are energy efficient with less operational complexities.
   b) Better O&M arrangements for improved services delivery and monitoring of schemes through innovative solutions such as IOT, SCADA etc.
   c) Specific recommendations on managing and storing raw water supplies to sustain service levels
3. The Department of Water Supply and Sanitation now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, and so forth). The Eligibility criteria is as under:
   Short-listing Criteria:
   i) Annual average financial turnover of consultancy projects in any 3 years in last 5 financial years (FY 2017-18 to FY2021-22) duly audited by Chartered Accountant.(CA certified turn over for the FY-2021-22 shall be accepted)
   ii) Consultants should have experience of working on one similar Multi-village water supply schemes based on Surface water within last 5 years from the last date of submission of EoI.
   ii) Availability of skilled staffing.
4. **Selection of consultancy firms** shall be done through **Consultants Qualification Selection procedure (CQS)** set out in the World Bank guidelines. The Bidders have to submit the detail EOI proposal meeting the Eligibility Criteria as well as Selection criteria **as per the ToR Sr. no.8**. The most qualified firm on the basis of the EOI evaluation shall be asked to submit a combined Technical and Financial Proposal and if such proposal is responsive and acceptable, then the firm will be invited to negotiate the contract.
5. The Consultancy duration shall be of 5 months from the date of signing of the consultancy agreement.
6. Interested Consultants may refer detailed "ToR" placed at the Departmental Website: **www. dwss.punjab.gov.in**. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person/courier, and by e-mail) **on or before 29-06-2022 upto 3:00PM**

"**Note**": Any corrigendum(s) to the Request for Expression of Interest shall be published on the website only.

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No. KPCL/2022-23/TB/WORK_INDENT 12451 Dated: 06.06.2022

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Bids are invited from the intending bidders for the work of **Construction of One No. 66kV Terminal bay at the existing 220/66/11kV Bidadi Substation for terminating the proposed 66kV 630 Sqmm UG cable from 11.5MW Waste to Energy Project at Bidadi, Ramanagara Dist. on Total Turnkey basis as per KPTCL Technical Specifications.** The details of tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The period of completion: **120 days** including monsoon period. Last date for submission of bids through e-portal: **29.06.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the **Chief Engineer (O&M)**, YCCPP, KPCGPCL, YCCPP Premises, SN Halli Post, Doddaballapura Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560 064. Tel: 080-28460974, Mobile: 94495 96598. E-mail: cegswkpcl@gmail.com / cegswkpcl@karnataka.gov.in

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Sy. No.	DOCUMENTS
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43/5, 43/6B and 43/7	1. Registered Sale deed dated 16-09-1957 registered as document No. 1774/1957-58,Volume No. 794, Pages No. 229-231 of Book No. 1 2. Registered Sale deed dated 20.04.1971, registered as document No. 301/1971-72, Volume No. 1151, Pages No. 64-65,of book No. 1 3. Registered Sale Deed dated 03-05-1978 registered as Document No. 296/1978-79, Volume No. 127, Pages No. 131-132,of book No.1 4. Registered Sale Deed dated 4-5-1978 registered as Document No. 297/1978-79, Volume No. 1279, of Book No. 1 6. Registered Sale Deed dated 09-05-2005 Registered as Document No. ANK-1-03529-2005-06, stored in CD No. ANKD63. 7. Registered Sale Deed dated 07-1-2006 Registered as Document No. ANK-1-12815/2005-06, stored in CD No. ANKD91. 8. Registered Sale Deed dated 11-07-2006 Registered as Document No. ANK-1-12405-2005-06, stored in CD No. ANKD139 with respect to Sy.No. 43/6 measuring 0-28 guntas and 0-14 guntas and Sy.No. 43/5 measuring 0-31 guntas and Sy.No.43/7 measuring 0-11 guntas. Situated at Manchanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

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COVID-19 surveillance to be undertaken continuously

This is to be done irrespective of whether the city witnesses a surge or not

Once under Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, monitoring of COVID cases will be similar to that for other communicable diseases. • FILE PHOTO

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BENGALURU

The Centre wrote to the States on June 9 that the long-term vision is to fully integrate COVID-19 surveillance within the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP). In this context, Karnataka's Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has recommended that the long term epidemiological trend of COVID-19 supported with genomic surveillance and sewage surveillance should be closely monitored now.

The Centre's letter said that COVID-19 has now entered a new phase characterised by sustained incidence of mild cases with very low hospitalisation and mortality rates in the country. So, does this mean COVID is entering an endemic stage now? Experts that *The Hindu* spoke to said that this cannot be said as of now based on the current transmission dynamics.

What is IDSP?

So, what does integration of COVID-19 surveillance within the IDSP mean?

State Health Commissioner Randeep D. said that the integration proposed under the ambit of IDSP would mean that henceforth, COVID disease surveillance will be undertaken in a continuous structured manner, irrespective of whether there is a surge or not. "Once under the IDSP, COVID incidence and prevalence would be regularly monitored similar to what is being done in terms of other communicable diseases. Joint Director, Communicable Diseases would be the nodal officer in charge of review," he said.

IDSP is one of the major National Health Programme. The key objective of this programme is to strengthen/maintain decentralised laboratory based IT enabled disease surveillance systems for epidemic prone diseases. This is to monitor disease trends and to detect and respond to outbreaks in the early rising phase through trained Rapid Response Team (RRTs), the Commissioner explained.

Endemic yet?

TAC member Giridhar R. Babu, who also heads Life-course Epidemiology at Indian Institute of Public Health in Bengaluru, said, "Eventually COVID-19 will also become endemic. But, whether that is happening now cannot be said based on the current transmission dynamics."

Any disease becoming endemic means that it is constantly present in a defined geographical area or population. This is similar to malaria and cholera that continue to be there in some parts of the world but are not found in several other parts of the world and are not a concern there, he said.

"Adding COVID to the existing surveillance platform of IDSP will help track and monitor the disease at all times and not just when there is an uptick in cases. This is an ideal way of monitoring the disease instead of having a vertical reporting system," he said.

TAC Chairman M.K. Sudarshan said that many people are not getting tested and there is a restriction on testing asymptomatic persons. "It is because of this that testing levels are low. In this context, it is important that there is regular and continuous monitoring on surges and emerging new variants through the IDSP," he said.

594 new cases in Karnataka

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Tuesday saw 594 new infections taking the total number of cases to 39,57,343. With this the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) rose to 3.14% and the weekly TPR touched 2.28%. Of the new cases, 582 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With zero deaths, the State's toll remained 40,066. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded. As many as 400 persons were discharged on Tuesday taking the total recoveries to 39,13,353. Active cases touched 3,882.

As many as 18,883 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, including 11,750 RT-PCR tests. With this, the total number of tests rose to 6,66,39,421.

19-year-old's decision to marry 32-year-old depicts that love is blind: Karnataka HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka observed that "love is blind and a more powerful weapon than the love and affection of the parents..." in the case of a 19-year-old engineering student who had eloped with a 32-year-old driver of her college bus, married him, and started staying with him without informing her parents.

Habeas corpus plea

A Division Bench comprising Justice B. Veerappa and Justice K.S. Hemalekha made these observations in its recent order while dismissing a habeas corpus petition filed by girl's father accusing that daughter is in illegal detention of college bus driver.

The petition was dismissed as girl appeared before the court along with her husband. Both of them hail from Mandya district.

However, the Bench expressed its concern over the plight of parents who were worried about welfare their daughter while pointing out that she could have convinced her parents about the marriage with the man of her choice instead of eloping with him without informing them.

"The parents should create a good atmosphere in the family by their love and affection... and children should also understand the fact that without their parents..., they would not have been enjoyed the educational prospects... and luxuries in life...," the court said.

"It is high time children know that life consists of reaction, resound and reflection. What they are doing to their parents today, would get back exactly tomorrow..." the court observed.

Cannot be intruded into

While observing that "the decision of the suitability of partners to a marital tie rests exclusively with the individuals themselves; neither the State nor Society can intrude into that domain," the court asked parents of the newly-wed couple to allow them to live happily.

While suggesting that the couple, who is said to have tied knot in a temple, should get their marriage registered before an appropriate authority, the court recorded man's assurance that he would protect his wife and look after her.

Planetarium to hold science quiz in Kannada

STAFF REPORTER
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Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium is organizing a State-level science quiz in Kannada for students of 8th, 9th and 10th standard.

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Pourakarmikas threaten to strike work indefinitely

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Pourakarmikas have threatened to strike work across the State indefinitely from July 1 in protest against the State Government's failure to regularise the services of an estimated 40,000 temporary pourakarmikas in the State.

They are paid a measly salary of around ₹14,000 per month.

While the pourakarmikas of Bengaluru will gather in Freedom Park in Bengaluru on July 1, those in the rest of the State will gather in their respective district headquarters.

Sun halo

Sight to behold: A view of the sun from Tumakuru Road in Bengaluru on Tuesday. A rainbow-hued halo was seen around the sun in the morning, for more than an hour. The sun halo, as it is called, is an optical phenomenon that occurs when light interacts with ice crystals in the atmosphere. This halo is also called the '22 degrees halo,' named so because the circular rainbow has a radius of approximately 22 degrees around the sun. • K. MURALI KUMAR

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COVID cluster in two schools; BBMP issues guidelines

"If children are unwell, you need not send them to school. Vaccination drive is successfully going on all the schools across the state. As of now, the first dose of vaccination is almost 100% completed and the second dose coverage is around 90 to 92%," he said.

D. Shashikumar, General Secretary of Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka, said many schools are not following SOPs and sanitising and screening the children regularly. "I request our group of schools to tighten the SOPs and sanitise and screen all the students regularly. Of late, socialisation of students in the school is high and we have failed to maintain social distancing. So, we will try to prevent group activities like playing, sharing food and group events at least for a month," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, our client intend to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from **Mr. CHAMPALAL, S/o Mr. Madhanlal**, Aged about 35 years, Residing at No. 98/1, Vijayalakshmi Complex, Doddakammanahalli Road, B.G.Road Cross, Bengaluru - 560076.

Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the below mentioned property may lodge their objection/s and/or claim/s with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence ***within 15 (Fifteen) Days*** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claim/s received thereafter will not be binding on our client and our client or his nominees will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Middle Portion of Immoveable Property bearing **Site No. 94,** Katha No. 62/3, Present BBMP Katha No. 62/3-94, situated at Parappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Presently under the BBMP Limits, measuring to an extent **East to West (27+22)/22 Feet, and North to South 20 Feet, totally measuring to an extent of 490 Square Feet,** along with Residential Building measuring 4.5 Squares on Ground Floor, 4.5 Squares on First Floor, 4.5 Squares on Second Floor, 4.5 Squares on Third Floor, 1.5 Squares on Fourth Floor, with Granite flooring. Door and windows are made out of Jungle wood and bounded on the:

East by: Property belonging to Murugan;
West by: Road,
North by: Property No.94 belonging to Bomaram
South by: Remaining Portion of this Site No. 94 belonging to Deeperam.

Sd/-
Ravi H.S
HSR Vakils, Advocates
No. 477, 2nd Floor, 12th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru – 560 027.
Mob: 9886677303 / 9035077303
Bengaluru Date: 15.06.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its present owners namely:

1. Mr.Jitin Nadu Kandy, son of Mr.Kanaran, residing at No.533, "B" Block, AECS Layout, Kundanahalli, Bengaluru 560 037 he having acquired title to the same under an Absolute Sale Deed dated 21.10.2015 registered as Document No.MLR-1-04960/2015-16, stored in CD No.MLRD124 in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Malur, Kolar District.

2. Mrs.Pratibha Shri Pandey, wife of Mr.Varun Kumar Pandey residing at Flat No. 222, Sunnyvale Apartments, 1st Main, Bethel Nagar, Basavanapura, Near Ayeppa Nagar Circle, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru - 560 036; **Mr.Yathesh Kumar.N.K.,** son of Mr.N.Keshava, residing at No.405, A Block, Sai Krupa Elite Apartment, Ferns City Road, Doddanekundi, Outer Ring Road, Marathahalli, Bengaluru - 560 037 and **Mr.D.Jinesh,** son of Mr.G.Dharanendraiah, residing at No.14/5, Ganesh Block, Nandini Layout Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 096 they having jointly acquired title to the same under an Absolute Sale Deed dated 21.10.2015 registered as Document No.MLR-1-04962/2015-16, stored in CD No.MLRD124 in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Malur, Kolar District.

All persons having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential converted land situated in **Anchemuskuru** Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of Owner	Survey No.	Extent	Boundaries			
			A - G	East By	West By	North By	South By
1.	Mr.Jitin Nadu Kandy	57	1 - 32	Sy.No.48	Sy.No. 94	Sy.No. 58	Sy.No. 56
2.	Smt.Pratibha Shri Pandey, Sri.Yathish Kumar N.K. and Sri.D.Jinesh	Sy.No.94 (Old Sy. No.58)	2 - 10	Sy.No.57 & portion of Sy. No. 58	Sy.No. 58 and Road	Sy.No. 58	Sy.No.56 & Sy.No. 58

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto,
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 14.06.2022

Government of Karnataka
(Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

No: EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/JE/JJM/E-Proc/2021-22/561 **Date : 13.06.2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, tenders have been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 to undertake the following works in the limits of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga under Jal Jeevan Mission Project.

Indent Nos.: 1) 41169 2) 41171 3) 41118 4) 41165 5) 41124 6) 41160 7) 41170 8) 41123 9) 41122.

Tender details, terms and conditions, corrigendum or changes are available on website : https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and the eligible contractors/bidders should submit their bids and required documents on e-portal only.

Tender Schedules :

(1) Last date for receiving tenders from contractors : **24/27.06.2022 at 5.30 P M.** (2) Date of opening of Single cover Financial Bid : **26/29.06.2022 at 11.30 A. M.** (3) Date of opening of Double cover Technical Bid : **26/29.06.2022 at 11.30 A M.** (4) Date of opening of Double cover Financial bid : **28.06.2022 at 11.30 A M.** (5) Time fixed for completion of works : **Single Cover : 3 months (90 days) Double cover: 3 months (90 days)**

DIPR/SMG/No.74-06 zenkar/2022-23

sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

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Advertisement No: JNC/AO/No.03/2022 Date : 10.06.2022

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Details of the programme, eligibility and application form are available online:
https://www.jncasr.ac.in/admission/admissions

Last date for receipt of completed application form through email : 30.06.2022

Sd/-,
Academic Coordinator

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, 8th Cross 12th 'A' Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage Indiranagara, Bengaluru-560038.

No: EE/CVR/E-Proc/08/2022-23 **Date: 13-06-2022**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, BBMP for the works mentioned below from registered contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.
(Standard Tender Document - KW1 or KW2)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
	Works Reserved for SC Category		
1	Maintenance of Drains at Vulnerable and Culverts at Versova Layout and Surrounding Area in Ward No. 57	15.00	18750.00
2	Construction of Culvert and Maintenance of Drains at 17th Cross, 6th Cross and 9th Cross at Vulnerable reaches through the Doddagunta Area at Ward No. 79	10.00	12500.00
3	Maintenance of Drains and Construction of Culvert at Kalpalli Burial Ground and Surrounding Area in Ward No. 79.	10.00	12500.00
4	Providing RCC Drain in 18th Main Road upto Storm Water Drain in Ward No. 88	10.00	12500.00
	Works Reserved for ST Category		
5	Construction of Culverts and Maintenance of Road side Drains at 3rd Main, 2nd C Main and Cross Roads at Vulnerable reaches to B Channasandra in Ward No. 50	15.00	18750.00
6	Maintenance of Drains at KHB Colony and Surrounding Area in Ward No.79	10.00	12500.00
	Works Un-Reserved Category		
7	Maintenance of Road side Drains at 1st Drains at 1st A Cross, 3rd Cross, 2nd G Main, 4th D Cross and International Cross at Vulnerable reaches in Kasturinagara in Ward No. 50	10.00	25000.00
8	Maintenance of Road side Drains at Vulnerable reaches in Sadananda Nagara, Gajendranagara, A.K. Colony and Temple Road in Old Byappanahalli in Ward No. 50	15.00	37500.00
9	Construction and Maintenance of Drains at Vulnerable reaches at 4th Main Rajkumar Circle and 8th Main Suddagunteplaya and Surroundings Area in Ward No. 57	15.00	37500.00
10	Maintenance of Drains at Vulnerable and Culverts at Malleshapalya Park 5th Main Ishwarya Apartment 6th E Cross and Other Surrounding Area in Ward No. 57	10.00	25000.00
11	Construction of Culvert and Maintenance of Drains at Vulnerable reaches at Venkateshwara Colony and Bhoomireddy Colony Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 58	20.00	50000.00
12	Maintenance of Drains at Vulnerable reaches at 4th Main, 6th Main of New Thippasandra and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 58	10.00	25000.00
13	Maintenance of Drains at Vulnerable reaches at 1st Cross to 4th Cross G.M. Playa Kaveri Layout and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 55	10.00	25000.00
14	Maintenance of Drains at Vulnerable Reaches and Construction of Culvert at New Byapanahalli, Kadrinpalya and C-Colony at Ward No. 79	10.00	25000.00
15	Maintenance of Road side Drains and Culverts at Murphy Town, Lakshmipura 1st Main Road Lower Michelpalya and Indiranagara 2nd Stage in Ward No. 80, Hoysalanagara.	20.00	50000.00
16	Maintenance of Road side Drains and Culverts at 17th F Cross, 6th A & B Main and 17th E Main Road, Indiranagara 1st Stage and 2nd Stage in Ward No. 80, Hoysalanagara.	20.00	50000.00
17	Keeping of Road side Drains and Construction of Culverts in 18th A B C & D Main in Ward No. 88	30.00	75000.00
18	Maintenance of Road side Drains and Culvert at Murgeshpalya Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 113	25.00	62500.00
19	Maintenance of Road side Drains and Culvert in Diamond District and KR Garden Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 113	15.00	37500.00

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals is **27-06-2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Date of Opening of Financial Proposals is **28-06-2022 after 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, BBMP.

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Stalin's letter on Mekedatu a 'political stunt', says Bommai

'T.N. demand does not have any locus standi and the Centre will not consider it'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday termed as a "political stunt" and "against the federal system" Tamil Nadu's letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention to restrain the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) from discussing the Mekedatu project in its scheduled meeting on June 17.

A file photo of the spot identified for the construction of the balancing reservoir near Kanakapura in Ramanagaram district.

The Chief Minister said Tamil Nadu's demand does not have any "locus standi" and the Centre will not consider it. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Monday sought the Prime Minister's intervention to restrain the CWMA from discussing Karnataka's proposal in its meeting.

Mekedatu is a multi-purpose (drinking water and power) project proposed by Karnataka, which involves building a balancing reservoir near Kanakapura in Ramanagaram district.

T.N.'s contention

Mr. Stalin said the scope of the functioning of the CWMA is limited to implementing the Supreme Court's verdict on the Cauvery issue and it cannot consider any other subject. The matter is sub judice and Tamil Nadu's petitions in this regard are pending before the apex court.

Mr. Bommai said the Central Water Commission (CWC), while receiving our DPR on the project, had put a condition that it has to be approved by the CWMA, and accordingly, it is now before the CWMA.

Speaking to reporters here, he said, when the matter is coming up before the Authority "for a finality" on the issue, the neighbouring Tamil Nadu is "creating issues" and opposing it.

"I have got information about Tamil Nadu writing a letter to the Prime Minister, and I am getting a copy of it. Tamil Nadu's demand is illegal, against the federal system, and it is a conspiracy to misuse the water on which we have rights," Mr. Bommai said.

Mr. Stalin has urged the Prime Minister to instruct the Jal Shakti Ministry to advise the CWMA's chairman to desist from taking up discussion on the Mekedatu project, till the issues are heard and decided by the Supreme Court. The Tamil Nadu government had moved the Supreme Court seeking a direction to the CWMA to refrain from any discussion on the project at its meeting.

Noting that the project in no way involves Tamil Nadu's share of water, Mr. Bommai said, "It is on our share of water, within our State." After a lot of procedures, things have reached a final stage now, he said.

"Already 15 meetings have taken place, they (T.N.) did not raise any objections then, they showed non-cooperation by boycotting it. It is nothing but a political stunt," Mr. Bommai said. "Procedures are in a final stage and we are confident about getting justice." Karnataka's representatives will take part in the meeting, Mr. Bommai said.

The project, once completed, is aimed at ensuring drinking water to Bengaluru and neighbouring areas (4.75 tmcft) and also can generate 400 MW power, and the estimated cost of the project is ₹9,000 crore.

In two Assemblies

A few months ago, the Tamil Nadu Assembly passed a unanimous resolution opposing the project. As a counter, the Karnataka Legislative Assembly too passed the resolution condemning the neighbouring State's opposition.

A few months ago, the Karnataka Congress leaders embarked on a padayatra urging the State government to seek all clearances to implement the project.

Won't interfere in shifting of elephants from Mysuru: HC

It directs trust not to use facilities for commercial purpose

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has refused to interfere with handing over of four elephants, which were in the custody of the Mysuru royal family, to a non-profit rescue and rehabilitation facility run by an elephant welfare trust in Gujarat for taking care of these animals.

However, the court directed the Radha Krishna Temple Elephant Welfare Trust, Jamnagar in Gujarat, to ensure proper care and facilities to these animals as well as to the new elephants that may be shifted to its rehabilitation facilities in future. The rehabilitation facilities, set up for taking caring of old-aged, diseased and rescued elephants, already has 153 elephants.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the order while disposing of a PIL petition filed by Muruly M.S., a city-based advocate. The petitioner had questioned the legality of handing over of elephants to the trust.

Other directions

The Bench also directed the trust not enter into any commercial transaction referred to in Section 43 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and not use its rehabilitation facilities for any commercial purpose.

While directing the trust not to promote breeding of these animals by use of any scientific methods, the Bench said that the trust will have to report to the local authorities, in whose jurisdiction it operates, within 48 hours in case of birth of any calves as a result of natural procreative process.

The trust also has to give an undertaking to the local authorities on taking care of such calves too, the Bench said, while directing the trust to submit annual reports to the jurisdictional authorities on its activities. The trust's advocate has agreed and undertaken to abide by these directions.

Rescued from circus

These four elephants were among the elephants rescued from a circus company a couple of decades ago and some members of the Mysuru royal family had then volunteered to take care of these elephants.

However, a few years ago, the family wrote to the State authorities to take back the elephants stating that caretakers of these animals were unable care for them properly. Following the request, the State permitted shifting the elephants to the trust.

Manhandling of Cong. leaders condemned

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday lashed out at the Narendra Modi-led government for denying permission to the party to hold a protest in the national capital and manhandling of the Congress leaders, including MP D.K. Suresh, MLAs Dinesh Gundu Rao, H.K. Patil and Indian Youth Congress president B.V. Srinivas.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that it was "political vendetta" that the BJP government had decided to reopen the National Herald case. The rights of the elected representatives have been violated by the Delhi police, he alleged.

Mr. Shivakumar said the situation under the BJP government was worse than the Emergency of the mid 1970s.

The party would continue to protest against the misuse of central agencies by the BJP government. "Why do the police detain leaders who come to the party office?" he demanded to know.

Plurality is the single defining feature of quest of saints: Kovind

President inaugurates temple built by ISKCON

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday observed that the "single defining feature" of the quest of *rishi munis* (saints) of India in ancient times has been plurality.

Speaking after inaugurating the Sri Rajadhiraja Govinda temple built by the ISKCON on Bengaluru's outskirts, the President said, "All competing worldviews, from Advaita Vad to Vishishtadvait Vad, all have flourished under one umbrella. There are different sects, such as Vaishnavism, Shaivism and Shakta sampradaya (tradition). Just as there can be many ways to reach the top of the hill, there are different paths to realise the Supreme, such as Jnana Marga, Karma Marga and Bhakti Marga. Yet, in Hinduism, you never know where one ends and another begins, as if they are all interlinked by their common faith in the divine". It is no wonder that the Bhagavad Gita also offers different lessons to different people, depending on their qualification, he added.

President Ram Nath Kovind, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot at the inauguration of Sri Rajadhiraja Govinda temple on Bengaluru outskirts on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Observing that temples have been among the most important symbols of Hinduism, he said, at one level, they were sacred sites. "At another level, temples are often much more than places of worship. They are like the *sangam sthal* or the point of holy confluence, of art, architecture, language and knowledge traditions," he noted.

"This is no surprise, considering the fact that the religious impulse is at the heart of India's culture. The quest of the *rishi-munis* of this land in ancient times has also inspired our society along with its kings and scholars, poets and architects," he said.

Commenting on the newly built temple, the president said he had noticed that the architectural features of this temple resembled those of the Tirupati Tirumala temple. The exquisite idol of Sri Rajadhiraja Govinda was also a replica of Lord Balaji (in Tirupathi), he said.

The President left for Delhi after completing his two-day visit to Bengaluru.

Best leadership award for Lingaraja Gandhi

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Lingaraja Gandhi, Vice-Chancellor, Bengaluru City University, was awarded best leadership award at the second edition of India Global Education and Skill Summit held on June 10.

Prof. Gandhi was chosen among the public universities for this prestigious leadership award, Bengaluru City University in a release said.

The second edition of the summit was organised by India Global Education and Skill Summit and Co-Hosted by Government of Karnataka, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department, Karnataka State Council of Higher Education Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Telangana

Husband's family cannot retain *stridhana* on annulment of marriage: HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Annulment of marriage cannot mean that all the articles that the woman carried to the matrimonial house in the form of *stridhana* can be retained by the family of husband, said the High Court of Karnataka.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while refusing to quash a criminal proceedings initiated against a man and his parents based on a complaint lodged by his former wife for not returning ₹9 lakh that was given as *stridhana* by her parents during marriage 24 years ago. The litigants belong to the Bunt community.

It was pointed out behalf of the petitioners that the marriage was declared as annulled on a decree passed by the Bombay High Court in 2014 and it was agreed in that degree that annulment was on the final payment of ₹4 lakh as alimony to her. They had also claimed that she cannot lay claim for any other payment except alimony granted by the court.

However, justice Nagaprasanna pointed out that payment of ₹4 lakh was arrived between the parties only for the annulment of marriage and at no point of time the issue of *stridhana* was part of proceedings on annulment of marriage. "No judicial fora have determined the annulment amount to include ₹9 lakh of *stridhana* as this was never the claim in the divorce proceedings between the parties," the court observed.

The judge pointed out that articles that form *stridhana* cannot be retained by the family or the husband as they are in temporary possession of them and have to be returned, and failure to return would attract offence of criminal breach of trust under Section 405 of IPC.

Following this order, the man and his parents have to now face trial in the criminal proceedings for criminal breach of trust for not returning *stridhana*.

Forum releases 'people's chargesheet' against Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Bahutva Karnataka, a forum for justice, harmony and solidarity, on Tuesday released what it called "people's chargesheet" against Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh and demanded his resignation.

In a release, the organisation cited the Minister's alleged inability to work towards bridging learning gap following the pandemic, address malnutrition issues, "deliberate misinterpretation" of the orders of the High court of Karnataka to disallow Muslim girls to write exams wearing hijab, and "unprofessional, unscientific and casteist textbook revision process" to demand the Minister's resignation. It also demanded that the government provide eggs to schools in all districts, and withdraw revised textbooks and issue old textbooks immediately.

Bengaluru ranks 5th in venture capital investment

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Bengaluru has emerged as the top fifth city on the global stage for venture capital investment in tech startups in 2022, behind Bay Area (San Francisco), New York, London, and Greater Boston, as per Global Startup Genome Report.

Tech firms in Bengaluru have attracted VC funds worth $7.5 billion in the first half of 2022, considerably higher than the previous record of $5.2 billion in the corresponding period last year, the report said.

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for IT/BT, told *The Hindu* that "Our city is a hub of the world's top talent and our startups are very promising and growth-centric. This gives global investors confidence to invest in our companies in Bengaluru." The report highlighted Bengaluru's formidable status with an ecosystem value of $105 billion, higher than Singapore ($89 billion) and Tokyo ($62 billion).

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Mode Only)

KPTCL invites bid against Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/AEE(C)/JE(C)-1&2/2022-23/1320-28 Dated: 13.06.2022 for **various Civil Engineering Capital works and R & M Civil works coming under the jurisdiction of Superintending Engineer (Ele), Trans. (Maint), BRAZ, Bengaluru for the FY 2022-23.**

The details regarding participating in the tender can be obtained by login into the **website: https://kptcl. karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink" **"e-Procurement- KPTCL"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **18.06.2022.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Trans (Maint), BRAZ, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560 024. Phone: 080-23415347 / 23513952

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Admission to the Ph.D. Programme 2022-23

Applications are invited for admission to the Ph.D. Programme in Law and Ph.D. Programme in Interdisciplinary (Commerce from the perspective of Law) for the Academic Year 2022-2023. The details regarding eligibility, fees and other information are available on the University website and the last date for submission of the application is 11.07.2022. Entrance Test will be conducted online on 17.07.2022. Online application form is available on the University website www.tnnlu.ac.in

Date: 15.06.2022 REGISTRAR

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NOTICE INVITING e - TENDER WITH FORWARD BIDDING

1.	Description	Sale of dimensional granite blocks from certain quarries of TAMIN, Tamil Nadu
2.	Tender No. & date Tender ID	439 / Ele-1 / 2022, Dated. 09.06.2022 2022_TNMIN_235887_1
3.	Bid submission end date	14.07.2022 upto 1400 hrs
4.	Technical bid opening date	15.07.2022 at 1600 hrs
5.	Tender form fee & EMD	Rs.2,000/- or equivalent USD 27 (Non-refundable) Rs.1,18,800/- or equivalent USD 1580 per quarry

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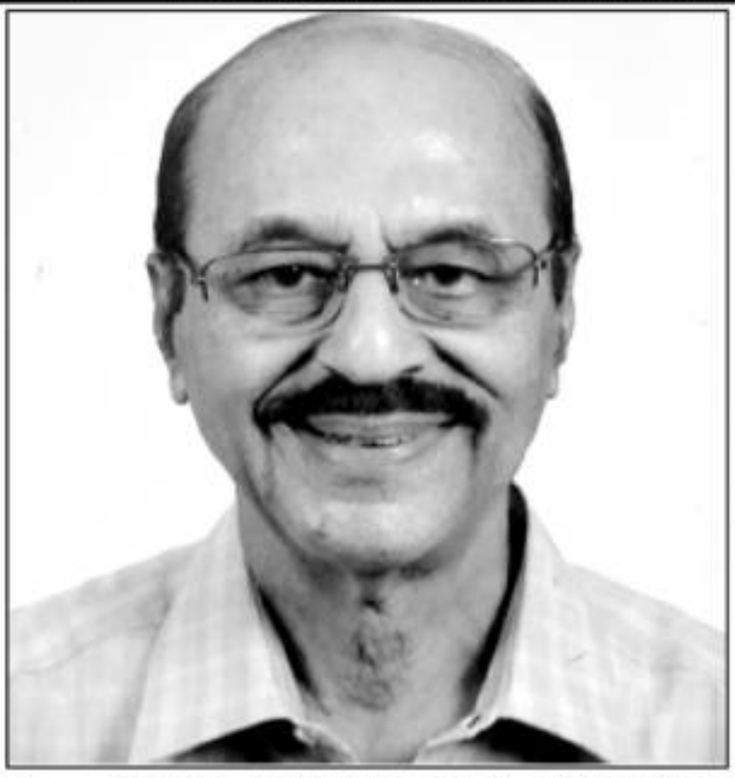

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Open to foreign investment: Kerala CM

Private investors are not enemies, says Pinarayi

STAFF REPORTER
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Left Democratic Front government is open to receiving foreign and private capital for development, provided it does not endanger the State's interests, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has said.

Inaugurating a workshop organised by the CPI(M)-run EMS Academy on Tuesday to discuss the party's *Nava Keralam* vision document that was unveiled at the recent State conference held in Ernakulam, Mr. Vijayan lamented the conservative mindset that has shunned development projects though investments are key to improving living standards. Declaring the government's intention to woo private investors, he affirmed that it would not adopt privatisation as a growth model.

"At a time when the Centre has been hell-bent on privatising public sector undertakings, the State intends to attract investments for infrastructure development and capacity building without abandoning its priorities. As opposed to globalisation, we will pursue means to increase the government's influence in each sector," he said.

He added that private investors can never be treated as enemies since they contribute towards the State's development both monetarily and by creating jobs.

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan distributing a priority ration card to a beneficiary in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday. • S. MAHINSHA

CM flays UDF, BJP

Accusing the UDF and the BJP of working together to disrupt progress, he called for countering attempts to sabotage development projects through political means. He raised caution on the threats faced by major projects such as the SilverLine semi-high speed rail corridor that required the Centre's nod. While it had adopted a favourable stance earlier, BJP's protests could endanger the prospects.

'State is a model for country'

STAFF REPORTER
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has said the State remained a model in the country for the market intervention initiatives that have played a significant role in controlling price rise of essential commodities.

He was speaking while inaugurating the State-level distribution of over 1-lakh priority (Antyodaya Anna Yojana and Priority Household) ration cards here on Tuesday.

"Kerala has creditably been able to bring inflation down to 5.1%. This can be attributed to various policy decisions including the one to ensure that the prices of 13 essential commodities supplied by Supplyco remained unchanged since May 2016," he said.

4 protesters injured in police action

A CORRESPONDENT
IDUKKI

Three Youth Congress leaders and a Congress worker sustained injuries when the police caned participants of a march taken out in Thodupuzha on Tuesday in protest against the alleged attack on Idukki DCC president C.P. Mathew by DYFI activists on Monday night.

The police caned them when they turned violent near the civil station area around 11 a.m. However, the leaders said that the police attacked the march without any provocation.

One of the injured leaders, Bilal Samad has been shifted to Angamaly hospital. He sustained injuries on his forehead and left eye. Others were admitted to a private hospital.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Ladakh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, central Maharashtra, Karnataka, Karaikal, Mahe and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	28	33.3	22.6	Kozhikode	0.4	33.5	24.7
Ahmedabad	–	38.5	27.2	Kurnool	–	39.7	26.6
Aizawl	60	26.8	18.6	Lucknow	–	42.8	31.8
Allahabad	–	45.1	32.6	Madurai	–	38.6	25.3
Bengaluru	–	31.9	20.6	Mangaluru	–	31.0	23.4
Bhopal	–	39.0	26.0	Mumbai	3	34.4	25.8
Bhubaneswar	–	38.0	28.6	Mysuru	–	32.0	21.4
Chandigarh	–	43.7	30.5	New Delhi	–	39.6	31.2
Chennai	–	38.8	29.2	Patna	–	41.9	27.8
Coimbatore	–	34.2	22.6	Port Blair	–	31.7	25.7
Dehradun	–	40.3	25.6	Puducherry	–	37.4	27.0
Gangtok	7	19.4	17.4	Pune	–	35.0	24.5
Goa	–	31.5	24.7	Raipur	–	41.2	29.4
Guwahati	41	27.4	24.1	Ranchi	–	39.2	27.9
Hubballi	–	32.0	22.0	Shillong	9	24.0	17.4
Hyderabad	8	36.6	23.4	Shimla	–	33.9	24.3
Imphal	2	26.4	21.0	Srinagar	–	32.2	16.2
Jaipur	–	36.6	28.6	Thiruvananthapuram	–	32.9	24.9
Kochi	3	31.6	24.0	Tiruchi	–	39.1	27.5
Kohima	4	22.8	15.6	Vijayawada	0.9	40.8	26.8
Kolkata	–	37.3	29.4	Visakhapatnam	–	34.0	29.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO2	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	29	77	59	76	113	
Bengaluru	17	21	16	89	90	
Chennai	15	10	48	61	71	
Delhi	16	87	60	199	315	
Hyderabad	20	29	58	30	53	
Kolkata	11	12	18	65	82	
Lucknow	7	29	72	255	246	
Mumbai	2	10	111	41	46	
Pune	119	19	113	75	60	
Visakhapatnam	17	46	24	62	95	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 379 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

IN BRIEF

COVID-19 TPR over 1% in many A.P. districts

VIJAYAWADA

Several districts (erstwhile) in the State have reported more than 1% test positivity rate (TPR) for COVID-19 in a week between June 6 and June 12. The test positivity rate in Visakhapatnam was 3.53%.

Swapna claims meeting Kerala CM at Cliff House

KOCHI

Swapna Suresh, the key accused in the gold smuggling case, on Tuesday alleged that Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had lied when he claimed that he did not know her. She claimed that she had spoken to Mr. Vijayan and his family members at the Cliff House.

KCR unlikely to attend Delhi meeting on Presidential polls

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Chief Minister and Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) president K. Chandrasekhar Rao is unlikely to attend the meeting of Opposition leaders convened by his West Bengal counterpart and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee to discuss Presidential election at New Delhi on Wednesday.

Further, it is also unclear whether Mr. Rao will at least depute any leader to represent the party.

TRS meet

Mr. Rao was huddled in a meeting with senior leaders of TRS till late on Tuesday night to discuss the pros and cons of party's representation, having already conveyed to Ms. Banerjee that he will not attend if the Congress was to take part.

K. Chandrasekhar Rao

Sources said Mr. Rao's response to Ms. Banerjee's invitation was on expected lines because the former had been playing an active role in national politics by trying to mobilise the support of anti-BJP and anti-Congress parties in a bid to ensure the emergence of a new regime that gave the country a different model of development.

They added that Mr. Rao wanted a meeting of regional parties prior to consultations with national parties on a united candidate of Opposition to contest the election but Ms. Banerjee expressed reservation due to paucity of time. However, Mr. Rao was not convinced, sources said.

His decision to abstain also stemmed from his plans to float a party at the national level days ahead of the national executive meeting of the BJP in Hyderabad. It was said that Mr. Rao will take the view of the State executive of TRS on June 19 before adopting a resolution.

AIADMK leaders bat for 'single leadership'

T. RAMAKRISHNAN
CHENNAI

Less than a year after the AIADMK decided to elect its coordinator and co-coordinator by a "single vote" to retain the dual leadership system, many of its district secretaries and senior functionaries spoke in favour of "unitary leadership" at a meeting on Tuesday.

At the four-and-a-half-hour meeting, held to finalise the agenda for the next week's meetings of the general council and the executive, a large number of a total of around 160 participants batted for "single leadership". Though the concept of "single leadership" was nothing new, the timing of the reiteration of the demand assumed significance against the backdrop of the general council and executive meetings scheduled for June 23. While a majority of those present emphasised the need for the return to "single leadership", a few mentioned the name of co-coordinator Edappadi K. Palaniswami to steer the AIADMK.

A couple of others, including J.C.D. Prabhakar, Manoj Pandian and Vaigaichelvan, struck a discordant view, saying the party should not repeat the "mistakes" it had committed last year and coordinator O. Panneerselvam, who also took part at the meeting, should not be sidelined, according to a cross-section of the participants. It all began with former Dairy Development Minister V. Moorthy raising the issue.

First 'Bharat Gaurav' express train service flagged off

The train, connecting Coimbatore with Shirdi, has 20 coaches that can accommodate 1,092 passengers

STAFF REPORTER
COIMBATORE

The 'Bharat Gaurav' train service from Coimbatore to Shirdi, a first of its kind in the country, was flagged off at the Coimbatore North Railway Station on Tuesday.

Bharat Gaurav express trains are operated by private players, who have the right to use the rail infrastructure provided by the Indian Railways.

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According to a press release, the objective of the initiative is to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places to the people of the country and the world through these trains.

Journey schedule

The train will have a total of 20 coaches that can accommodate 1,092 passengers. It will start from the Coimbatore North Railway Station at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. It will stop at Tiruppur, Erode, Salem, Jolarpettai, Bengaluru Yelahanka and Dharmavaram, and reach Mantralayam by 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

After a five-hour halt at Mantralayam, it will resume its journey at 4.p.m. and travel towards Wadi to reach the Sainagar Shirdi Railway Station at 7.25 a.m. on Thursday. After a day-long halt at Shirdi, the train will begin its return journey from the Sainagar Shirdi Railway Station at 7.25 a.m. on Friday and reach the Coimbatore North Railway Station by noon on Saturday.

A railway official said the loco pilots and guards would be from the Indian Railways. Bookings, fixing of tariff and maintenance would be handled by the private company offering the service.

"Not only private companies, but the governments of Karnataka and Odisha have also shown interest in operating such trains to promote tourism," the official added.

The Southern Railway would get an annual fixed revenue of ₹3.34 crore through the operation of this train, the press release said.

Commenting on the ticket fare, R. Tulasi Priya, a passenger, said, "We cannot make a comparison as there are no direct trains [from Coimbatore] to Shirdi. It may seem costlier than a normal train, but as a package, it is worth the money for a pilgrimage, as all the arrangements are taken care of by the service provider."

Privatisation opposed

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) MP representing the Coimbatore Lok Sabha constituency, P.R. Natarajan, said privatising the operation of a train by the largest public sector undertaking (PSU) was not acceptable. Trains should be run only by the PSU for the safety of the public, he said. He recalled the privatisation of the Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR), which was subsequently withdrawn. He also noted that train services in the United Kingdom were also privatised, only to be withdrawn a couple of years later. Hence, he urged the Union government to withdraw the move to privatise train operations.

Protests held

Various railway employees' unions condemned the move. In Coimbatore and Erode, members of the Southern Railway Mazdoor Union staged a protest.

A.P. CM refutes criticism on welfare of ryots

'Govt. spent ₹1.28 lakh cr. in 3 years'

RAMESH SUSARLA
CHENNEKOTHAPALLI (SATHYA SAI DISTRICT)

In a strong retort to the Opposition criticism on the alleged lack of support to the farming community in Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has said his government has spent ₹1.28 lakh crore on various subsidies and schemes for farmers in three years.

Bordering on an election speech, he spoke about the revolution being brought in for quality education, giving a competition to private dairies by bringing in Amul to enhance milk procurement price, and the alleged instigation by Opposition parties to oppose naming Konaseema district after Dr.B.R. Ambedkar.

Laughing away the theory of 'Crop Holiday' in Konaseema, allegedly being propagated by the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the media houses supporting the TDP with 'vested-interest', the Chief Minister said there was no such proposal anywhere. He gave a strong reply to the Opposition parties' demand for a White Paper on what the YSRCP government had done for farmers in three years. Mr. Reddy repeatedly, in his 20-minute speech at the public meeting here on the occasion of disbursing ₹29,77.82 crore compensation under the YSR Free Crop Insurance Scheme to 15,60,703 farmers Statewide, said, "mark the change," to highlight the difference between the five-year regime of the TDP and the three years of the YSRCP rule.

When an icon of past fades to black

Microsoft is retiring its 27-year-old browser Internet Explorer today

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
KOZHIKODE

Time was when this icon, designed around the letter 'e', in blue with an orbit around it, would usually be the first one you would click on the desktop of your computer.

For a generation, Internet Explorer, which debuted in 1995, was the gateway to the world of information and entertainment, but it has been steadily losing in popularity and on Wednesday, its creator Microsoft is retiring it.

Like many things associated with the Internet we thought we could not do without, Internet Explorer is also bidding adieu. Remember Orkut? By the time Orkut, a social network site that used to compete with Facebook, shut down in 2014, Internet Explorer was no longer the browser that most people used to log in for one last time.

Internet Explorer's monopoly that it once had a usage share of 95% is long gone.

Internet Explorer's monopoly – it once had a usage share of 95% - had long gone.

'Cherished memory'

But for those who first surfed the web when the speed read something like 64kbps, and the possibility of streaming an HD video without buffering would have almost sounded like science fiction, the blue icon of Internet Explorer is a cherished memory. Like actress Priyanka Nair.

"I recall using Internet Explorer to send my photos to directors at a time the connectivity was awfully slow," says Priyanka, the Kerala State-Award winning actress who played a prominent role in *12th Man*.

"Though like everybody else I also migrated to Mozilla Firefox, Chrome and Safari, I still use Internet Explorer on my 20-year-old HP laptop. So I feel sad that Microsoft is retiring it," the actress says.

She has many fond memories about using Internet Explorer. "I started using it while I was at school," she says. "I remember downloading mp3 files of songs overnight. Even for those small files, you needed hours to complete the download. So I would keep my laptop switched on all through the night."

A.T. Varun, who used to work as a computer technician in Kozhikode before venturing into business, says he could not have imagined that the icon of the Internet Explorer would disappear from the desktop one day.

"Many of the customers I serviced used only Internet Explorer even when other browsers like Mozilla Firefox and Chrome arrived at the screen," he says.

If you still want to use Internet Explorer, you could do it through Microsoft's replacement browser Edge. It has an Internet Explorer mode.

PM to address public meet in Hyderabad

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a public meeting here on July 3 at the culmination of the national executive meeting of the party but the venue had not been fixed.

According to newly elected Rajya Sabha MP K. Laxman, the public meeting will most likely be held at the Parade grounds.

The BJP's national executive at the Novotel-HICC on July 2 and 3, preceded by a meeting of the party general secretaries on July 1, will reflect the "Telangana and Telugu flavour in terms of ambience, culture and food" arrangements. Number of invitees has been fixed at 350 including 70-odd media personnel coming from Delhi.

Liquor bottle buyback scheme, a partial success in the Nilgiris

Teething problems emerge a month after it was launched

ROHAN PREMKUMAR
UDHAGAMANDALAM

A month on since a scheme for buying back used liquor bottles was launched at Tasmac shops across the Nilgiris, the initiative has had some success. But teething issues have also emerged.

The Tamil Nadu government had directed Tasmac to implement the scheme, aimed at ending the dumping of used liquor bottles in forest areas and negating the threat they posed to wildlife. At the time of purchase, people returning used bottles were to be refunded ₹10 a bottle, collected as a deposit at Tasmac shops across the district.

According to officials, around 50,000-80,000 bottles are being returned every day. P.J. Vasanthan, trustee of Clean Coonoor, an NGO working to manage waste, said the workload at the waste management facility in the town had come down significantly since the scheme got off the ground. "We used to receive 300-400 kg of bottles in recyclable waste every day. It has decreased to around 50 kg over the last month," he said. A similar reduction in dumping in the open has also been reported across the district. However, the district administration and Tasmac face another problem – what to do with the bottles that have piled up at Tasmac shops across the Nilgiris.

Liquor bottles discarded in the reserve forest at Thalikundah near Udhagamandalam on Tuesday. • M. SATHYAMOORTHY

Collector S.P. Amrith said the problem was most acute in remote liquor shops, such as those at Manjoor, where around 50,000 bottles had piled up with no means of disposal. "We will hold meetings to frame policies for recycling or reusing the bottles," he said.

Cold comfort

Despite the easing of retail inflation, there is no room for complacency

The latest retail inflation numbers point to a slight softening in the pace of price gains, and that should provide policymakers some solace that recent interventions appear to be working. Inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), slowed 75 basis points from April's 95-month high of 7.79%, to 7.04% in May. While it is hard to quantify the effect that the RBI's surprise 40 basis points interest rate increase of early May had on prices, the Centre's May 21 decision to cut the excise duty on petrol and diesel by ₹8 and ₹6, respectively, seems to have had an immediate impact. Inflation in the transport and communication category of the CPI slowed by 137 basis points to 9.54% last month. This key category, with a weight of 8.59 that places it behind only cereals and housing, captures the pump prices of the main transportation fuels, making it a crucial indicator of price pressures in the economy. A closer look, however, shows inflation in the category continued to quicken sequentially, even if at a slower pace. Disconcertingly, rural consumers, who have comparatively lower purchasing power than their urban peers and yet are heavily reliant on the fuels for farm operations, experienced a significantly slower softening of only 42 basis points in the year-on-year pace. With the price of the Indian basket of crude oil now having surged by almost 8.5% from April to a 10-year high this month, and the rupee plunging to successive new record lows against the dollar, it would be unwise to drop one's guard especially given the pass-through impact transportation costs have on most other prices.

Food prices, the other driver of retail price gains, offered far less respite with the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) inflation slowing by only 34 basis points to 7.97%. City consumers experienced an acceleration in food price gains as urban CFPI inflation quickened 11 basis points to 8.2% last month. Nine of the 12 items on the food and beverages sub-index of the CPI, also quickened sequentially, resulting in the month-on-month inflation accelerating 30 basis points from April's pace. Prices of vegetables and those of meat and fish surged 18.3% and 8.23%, respectively, from their year-earlier levels, adding to the nutritional precarity of low-income households. And even though inflation in edible oils slowed from April's pace, there is no room for complacency given that price gains in the vital cooking medium were still running at 13.3% amid persistent supply concerns in the wake of the Ukraine war and the disruption in sunflower oil imports. May's wholesale price data also provide little comfort, with headline WPI inflation quickening to a fresh high of 15.9%. With the RBI's consumer confidence survey showing an appreciable deterioration in households' expectations of the one-year ahead price level, authorities must stay laser-focused on the battle to tame inflation.

End the war

Russia has the primary responsibility to push for a peaceful settlement with Ukraine

The battle for Severodonetsk, the easternmost part of the Donbas where the Ukrainian forces still have defensive positions, has entered the final phase with Russian troops destroying all bridges over the Donets river linking the city with its sister city, Lysychansk. The Russians now have more than 80% control of the industrial city, with the remaining Ukrainian troops trapped without supplies. If Russia takes control of Severodonetsk and Lysychansk, the entire Luhansk Oblast will be in its hands, allowing it to march towards Kramatorsk, the last industrial city in the Donbas still with Ukraine. In recent weeks, Ukrainian troops have taken heavy losses with Russian forces blasting their way into Severodonetsk using artillery fire. Officials in Kyiv have said that up to 200 Ukrainian soldiers are being killed every day and troops are running out of shells and ammunition. While these public statements have been in part to push western allies to ramp up weapons supplies, they also draw a bleak picture of the situation in the east. Despite their brave resistance in the north and northeast, which forced Russia to retreat from around Kyiv and Kharkiv, the Ukrainians never stood a chance to push the Russians back in the Donbas.

The West's strategy has been two-fold. It has sent money and weapons to Ukraine to help it resist Russian aggression and slapped biting sanctions on Moscow to make the war economically painful. While arming Ukraine has certainly slowed down Russia's advances (with heavy losses across the battlefronts), it has failed to stop the Russian war machine. Russia has taken most of the key cities in the east and south, including Mariupol, Berdyansk and Kherson, and Severodonetsk could be the next. The economic sanctions have had a mixed result. Sanctions have hit Russia hard and its economy is expected to contract by 8.5% this year. But, at the same time, it has continued to reap a windfall from high oil and gas prices, while, on the other side, soaring inflation has hit the global economy. And Ukraine's economy, needless to say, faces collapse. As the 'weapons and sanctions' approach has been unsuccessful in its objectives, other options should also be explored to end the war. Between the maximalist positions taken by Russia and the U.S., France, Germany and Turkey have maintained some lines of communication with Moscow and Kyiv. These countries should push both sides for talks and try to revive new proposals where all sides get something and lose something in return for peace. Ending the conflict is an imperative not just for Ukraine but also for the world that has been battered by high prices of everything, from food to fuel. Russia, whose invasion has pushed the world to the brink of a devastating security and economic crisis, has the primary responsibility to end this war through a political settlement.

The 'C' factor in the Russia-Ukraine war

There is little clarity about the extent to which both sides have used cyberweapons — there could be underlying reasons

M.K. NARAYANAN

Well into the second 100 days of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the world is awash with speculation about reasons for the so-called failure of the Russian armed forces to deal a decisive blow against a much smaller Ukrainian army. This may appear to be a one-sided viewpoint, but Russia is yet to achieve what can be termed as a decisive victory in any sector of the current conflict.

Analysing Russia's response

Several reasons have been adduced by experts in the West for the lacklustre performance of the Russian army. Frequently mentioned are: lack of motivation and the poor morale of the Russian forces sent to Ukraine, many of whom were conscripts who had little desire to participate in a bloody conflict; absence of trust between the higher and the middle/lower rungs of the Russian armed forces, leading to a hiatus at the operational level; Russian weaponry being outdated and ineffective to fight an informationalised war under modern conditions, such as the one that Ukraine was waging at present with generous help from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and western powers.

Admittedly, Russian commanders have also proved inept in devising plans and taking appropriate decisions in battlefield conditions against a determined enemy. Viewed against the perspective when the conflict started, that Ukraine would capitulate within a matter of weeks, all this has contributed to a feeling in the West that Russia's armed forces are overrated, and that the threat they pose to the democratic West is greatly exaggerated.

A word of caution is, however, called for. Russia's spending on its military over several decades has been far higher than that of every other country in Europe, including the two most highly militarised countries, *viz.*, the United Kingdom and France. Russia's armed arsenal which has been on public display on several occasions in the recent past, can hardly be written off, even if questions are now being raised about the invincibility of Russia's armed forces. The reality is that much of Russia's advanced weaponry has not been employed in the Ukraine conflict – for reasons best known to the Kremlin – and, hence, the West should not read the 'tea leaves' wrongly, and write off Russia's military strength, lest it encourages misguided elements to embark on any hazardous 'misadventure'.

The role of 'cyber'

Reasons for Russia's lacklustre performance need to be found elsewhere. Given that cyber is often touted as the Fifth Dimension of warfare, it may be worthwhile to examine whether this indeed is the first major conflict in which 'cyber' is playing a crucial role, allowing a weaker nation with cyber capabilities to use it to its advantage. Public memory tends to be short, for it was only a decade ago that a distinguished President of the United States, Barack Obama, had warned that in the event of a conflict or otherwise, cyberattacks would plunge 'entire cities into darkness'.

A former Chief of the National Security Agency of the U.S., which has responsibility for cyber in the military domain, in his memoirs had said that although cyberspace is a man-made domain, it had become critical to military operations on land, sea, air and in space. A former U.S. Secretary of Defence a few years ago,, even talked of a possible 'cyber Pearl Harbour to paralyze nations and create a profound sense of vulnerability'. Likewise, some years ago, the U.S. intelligence community had put out a warning that their nation was under threat as North Korean operatives were in a position to pre-position 'cyber munitions' inside America's critical infrastructure, and detonate them in the event of a conflict. Today, the West regularly portrays Russians using cybertactics to destroy nations.

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The Russian military oligarchy is indeed among the world leaders in digital disruption and cybermethodology, and one could have reasonably presumed that even before the conflict commenced, Russia would have swamped Ukraine with an avalanche of digital attacks. Ukraine, for its part, has its own digital army, including a corps of digital weapons. Several weeks into the war, however, there is little clarity as to the extent to which both sides have deployed cyberweapons.

Earlier attacks

There are several publicised instances earlier, of alleged Russian operatives waging a cyberwar against Ukraine. An instance that captured public imagination some years ago was Russia's cyberattack on Ukraine's electric grid, leaving many parts of the country without power for several days, in the midst of a grim winter. Ukrainian cyber security experts have also claimed to have prevented a major cyber operation – linked to the Kremlin – to derail the Ukrainian presidential election some years ago. These were, however, only the tip of the iceberg of Russia's cyber offensive capabilities, *vis-à-vis* Ukraine.

Both sides now possess and use malware such as data-wipers which have proved highly effective. On the day the Russian invasion of Ukraine began, Russian cyber units are believed to have successfully deployed destructive malware against several Ukrainian military targets. The Ukrainian Satellite Internet Provider, for instance, was the target of one such cyberattack, leading to widespread communications outages. A series of distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against Ukrainian banking and defence websites occurred simultaneously. In addition, Wiper malware was introduced into several Ukraine Government networks, while the websites of the Ukrainian Defence Ministry and military targets faced a series of DDoS and phishing attacks.

But no Armageddon

None of these, however, is tantamount to what can be described as large-scale cyberattacks. As far as the conduct of the war is concerned, the string of small-scale cyberattacks cannot be said to have had any material impact on the conduct or outcome of the conflict. Hence, the cardinal question is why given that Ukraine has put up such a heroic defence – and to a considerable extent stalled the Russian offensive – Russia has not embarked on a massive all-out cyber-offensive.

It is very likely, and possibly a fact, that there are major difficulties in planning and executing massive cyberattacks on a short timeline to ensure higher efficacy of kinetic attacks. If that be the case, then much of the speculation that cyberattacks in the event of a war provide a perpetrator the capability to enact another 'Pearl Harbour' seems highly unrealistic. The fact that both Russia and Ukraine, which have powerful armies of cyber-specialists, more so hackers (Ukraine even tried to create an international army of hackers to target critical Russian systems), have not succeeded in causing a cyber Armageddon can possibly be seen as a reprieve. But there are possibly other underlying reasons. There has always been a view among cyber experts that 'Cyber Space is not a war zone', and that it is fundamentally a civilian space – but without doubt leading to a 'new exciting age in human experience, exploration and development'. Thus, it would seem that for all its potential to disrupt civilian targets such as power grids, hospitals, banks and industries, cyber-power is yet to achieve its so-called threat potential in terms of decisive impacts in battlefield situations. As of now, cyberattacks have an impact that is well below the threshold of what a nuclear war, even a limited one, could produce.

The West's line

Meanwhile, the West is currently busy floating some 'red herrings', *viz.*, that Moscow is possibly considering raising the stakes further given that the offensive in Ukraine has stalled. Implicit in this warning is that Moscow may be planning to embark on a nuclear conflict. The West believes that Russia could in such a situation, possibly employ tactical/battlefield nuclear weapons to drive home to Ukrainian defenders the high price of resistance to Russia's offensive. It is not for the first time that the West is peddling such a view, for it has from time to time observed that Russia is a firm believer in 'the value of nuclear weapons as a tool of statecraft'; and that a showdown in Ukraine, employing low-yield nuclear weapons, would help send a clear message not only to Ukraine but also to NATO and the United States as well, in regard to the extent of Russia's determination not to allow any further extension of NATO to the east.

Conjuring up such a scenario with little evidence to support this argument could be dangerous. It could well turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy. There are inherent dangers attached to all such speculation.

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Malnutrition in India is a worry in a modern scenario

The country's response to its burden of malnutrition and growing anaemia has to be practical and innovative

GAURAV GOGOI

Good nutrition has the power to empower the present and future generations. India's greatest national treasure is its people – especially women and children – but even after 75 years of independence, a majority of them do not get the required diet to meet their nutritional needs. A child's nutritional status is directly linked to their mother. Poor nutrition among pregnant women affects the nutritional status of the child and has a greater chance to affect future generations. Undernourished children are at risk of under-performing in studies and have limited job prospects. This vicious cycle restrains the development of the country, whose workforce, affected mentally and physically, has reduced work capacity.

Marginal improvement

While there has been some progress in tackling malnutrition among children and women over the past decade, the improvement has been modest at best. This is despite declining rates of poverty, increased self-sufficiency in food production, and the implementation of a range of government programmes. The National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) has shown marginal improvement in different nutrition indicators, indicating that the pace of progress is slow. Children in several States are more undernourished now than they were five years ago.

Stunting, wasting, anaemia

While there was some reduction in stunting rates (35.5% from 38.4% in NFHS-4) 13 States or Union Territories have seen an increase in stunted children since NFHS-4; this includes Gujarat, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Kerala. (Stunting is defined as low height-for-age.) Malnutrition trends across NFHS surveys show that wasting, the most visible and life-threatening form of malnutrition, has either risen or has remained stagnant over the years (Wasting is defined as low weight-for-height).

India also has the highest prevalence of anaemia in the world (Anaemia is defined as the condition in which the number of red blood cells or the haemoglobin concentration within them is lower than normal). The NFHS-5 survey indicates that more than 57% of women (15-49 years) and over 67% children (six-59 months) suffer from anaemia. My home State, Assam, is among the low-performing States, with a huge burden of anaemic cases – 66.4% of women (15-49 years) and 68.4% children (6-59 months) are affected. It is imperative to introspect about these problems, which remain persistent, pervasive, and serious. Anaemia has major consequences in terms of human health and development: it reduces the work capacity of individuals, in turn impacting the economy and overall national growth. Developing countries lose up to 4.05% in GDP per annum due to iron deficiency anaemia; India loses up to 1.18% of GDP annually.

R.K. MUSTAFAH

Step up the financing

There is a greater need now to increase investment in women and children's health and nutrition to ensure their sustainable development and improved quality of life. While the Government's focus has been on the consolidation of several programmes to improve outcomes, there is a need for increased financial commitment. Experts have pointed out that Saksham Anganwadi and the Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment (POSHAN) 2.0 programme have seen only a marginal increase in budgetary allocation this year (₹20,263 crore from ₹20,105 crore in 2021-22). Additionally, 32% of funds released under POSHAN Abhiyaan to States and Union Territories have not been utilised.

Monitor constituencies too

India must adopt an outcome-oriented approach on nutrition programmes. It is crucial that parliamentarians begin monitoring needs and interventions in their constituencies and raise awareness on the issues, impact, and solutions to address the challenges at the local level. There has to be direct engagement with nutritionally vulnerable groups (this includes the elderly, pregnant women, those with special needs and young children), and contribute toward ensuring last-mile delivery of key nutrition services and interventions. This will ensure greater awareness on the one hand and proper planning and implementation of programmes at the grassroots level on the other, which can then be replicated at the district and national levels.

With basic education and general awareness, every individual is informed, takes initiatives at the personal level and can become an agent of change. Various studies highlight a strong link between mothers' education and improved access and compliance with nutrition interventions among children. We must ensure our young population has a competitive advantage; nutrition and health are foundational to that outcome.

Other steps

I strongly believe that there should be a process to monitor and evaluate programmes and address systemic and on the ground challenges. As a policymaker, I recommend that a new or existing committee or the relevant standing committees meet and deliberate over effective policy decisions, monitor the implementation of schemes, and review nutritional status across States. The country's response to malnutrition and its growing anaemia burden should be practical and innovative. This is critical to make an India that is malnutrition-free and anaemia-free a reality, and not just an aspiration. Every one is a stakeholder and should contribute towards ending malnutrition and anaemia. We should not become part of a tragedy that is preventable.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Congress and the ED

The protests by the Congress party over the summons by the Enforcement Directorate to the Congress leaders, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, are not proper as these are issues that cannot be settled on the streets. They have to be fought in the courts or other appropriate fora. By focusing on trying to gain public sympathy and publicity, the party has unwittingly played into the hands of the Bharatiya Janata Party, which has taken it upon itself to portray the leaders in the Congress party as highly corrupt persons.

V. PADMANABHAN,
Bengaluru

■ The interrogation of Rahul Gandhi in the *National Herald* newspaper case, cannot be dismissed as a case of political vendetta and "misuse of central agencies". The Opposition must understand that these theories and lines never always prove the honesty of a specific individual unless carefully investigated. The Congress must exercise patience and resilience, let the investigation take its own course and prove the integrity of the Gandhis.

DEBADUTTA HARICHANDAN,
Bhubaneswar, Odisha

■ As a citizen and a "responsible" Member of the Parliament, Rahul Gandhi is duty bound to offer clarifications. The drama only makes watchers from the sidelines like me to suspect that "all is not well" with the Congress.

KOODUTHURAIYAN,
Bengaluru

■ Interrogation by investigative agencies is commonplace, but I was at sea to see a sea of supporters of the Gandhis on a 'roadshow' that was stage-managed. It was easy to perceive that many in the procession did not have an iota of loyalty for the leader. The ED needs to carry out its job without hindrance. Cannot Mr. Gandhi manage matters by himself?

MANI NATARAJAN,
Chennai

■ There is nothing wrong if members of the Congress party, leaders and workers, raise a hue and cry over the ED's summons. The reopening of the case is a case of political vendetta. It seems to be a diversionary tactic by the ruling party which is facing problems on many fronts.

MOHAN MENON,
Arimpur, Thrissur, Kerala

■ There is no doubt that central agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate are being used by the party in power to harass the Opposition. The perception is that this is to divert the attention from mainstream issues. The Gandhis have been critical of the functioning of the Modi government which, in turn, is only trying to look for opportunities to make political gains.

JANGA BAHADUR SUNUWAR,
Bagrakote, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal

■ Many argue that the Gandhis are corrupt and must face the music. But at the same time, how can one be sure that the ED is not a string puppet? It is strange that only Opposition politicians face summons; it stretches credulity that politicians from the BJP are angels. Also, how is it that certain TV channels seem to know what happened to Mr. Gandhi during his questioning? The minute-by-minute TV studio accounts of the hours at the ED's office only raise suspicion that all is not fair.

GOMATI VENKATESAN,
Hyderabad

IPL media rights

Are the bidders for the Indian Premier League media rights biting off more than what they can chew? Going by this year's viewership data, it is doubtful whether the game would attract eyeballs in the future. There are very few cricketers with charismatic appeal to draw fans either to the stadium or to the TV set in the drawing room.

V. SUBRAMANIAN,
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The way to end child marriage

A legalistic approach might become counterproductive if women's schooling or skills are not enhanced

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GETTY IMAGES

Since child marriage is rampant in India, will increasing the age of marriage of women solve this issue? The increase in age of marriage is claimed to bring substantive benefits at the individual and societal levels. Is this claim true? Data from the recently released National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5), 2019-2021, enables us to examine the facts.

Structural factors

Several empirical studies from South Asia establish a significant association between early marriage and adverse health and educational outcomes of women and their children. Specifically, studies associate early marriage of women with early pregnancy, lower likelihood of accessing ante-natal care, higher risks of maternal morbidity and mortality, poor nutritional status of women and poor nutritional and educational outcomes of children. These studies seem to provide a rather compelling case for increasing the age of marriage of women from 18 to 21 years, as a delayed marriage might offer significant public health dividends.

But a closer reading of the evidence shows that the association between child marriage and adverse health outcomes does not emerge in a vacuum. Rather, it is abetted by structural factors, including social norms, poverty, and women's education. It is because of social norms in many regions and cultures that parents begin preparations for a girl's marriage once she has reached menarche. Equally, a large proportion of child marriages take place primarily because of poverty and the burden of the huge costs of dowry associated with delayed marriages. These factors curtail a girl's opportunities to continue her education. And in turn, the lack of educational opportunities plays an important role in facilitating child marriage.

So, what matters more: the age of marriage or the factors that facilitate child marriage? Stated differently, does a woman's age at marriage matter in itself, independent of education or poverty? It is in this context that the NFHS-5 data become salient. NFHS-5 data show that about 25% of women aged 18-29 years married before the legal marriageable age of 18. The proportion has declined only marginally from NFHS-4 (28%). Expectedly, the prevalence is higher in rural than urban India (28% and 17%, respectively). West Bengal has the highest prevalence (42%), followed by Bihar and Tripura (40% each). Oddly, the decline in child marriage has been paltry at best in these high-prevalence States. At the other end of the spectrum are Goa, Himachal Pradesh and Kerala (6% to 7%).

Education outcomes

If we look at the data community-wise, 39% of child marriages in India take place among Adivasis and Dalits. The share of advantaged social groups is 17% and the remaining share is of Other Backward Classes. In terms of household wealth, 58% of these marriages take place among the poorest wealth groups (bottom 40%), about 40% of them take place among the middle 50% and only 2% of them take place among the top 10% of wealth groups. Only 4% of child marriages in India take place among women who have completed more than 12 years of education. Thus, the data confirm that a significant proportion of child marriages takes place among women with less than 12 years of schooling and households that are socially and economically disadvantaged.

Since child marriage is substantially lower among women with a higher level of schooling, it would be interesting to know whether an increase in years of schooling necessarily increases the age at marriage. Expectedly, the average age at marriage increases from 17 years among women who are illiterate and have had up to five years of schooling to 22 years among women who have had more than 12 years of schooling. This indicates that an increase in years of schooling goes hand in hand with an increase in age at marriage. While an increase in education is most likely to delay marriage, the increase in age at marriage may or may not increase women's education.

Since the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021, fixes 21 years as the marriageable age for women, we examine whether a mere increase in age at marriage without an increase in education bestows women with better nutritional outcomes. While 27% of illiterate women who married before 18 years are underweight (Body Mass Index below 18.5), the proportion is 24% for illiterate women who married at the age of 21 years. A high proportion (64%) of illiterate women are anaemic, in terms of iron deficiency, irrespective of their difference in age at marriage. In terms of the gap between marriage and first pregnancy, it is surprisingly 2.5 years among the former and 1.6 years among the latter. However, the former give birth to a higher number of children (2.4), on average, than the latter (1.4).

Women with 12 years of schooling married before 18 years and at 21 years have hardly any difference in underweight prevalence (14% and 13%, respectively). In iron deficiency anaemia, the prevalence is only marginally higher (54%) among the former than the latter (50%). The gap between marriage and first pregnancy is higher among the former (2.6 years) than among the latter (1.7 years), though the latter have fewer number of children (1 child on average) than the former (1.6). A cross comparison between women who have had more than 12 years of schooling but were married before 18 years and women with secondary education but married at 21 years also underlines the importance of education. While underweight prevalence is almost equal among both, anaemia is marginally higher among the latter. The broad pattern emerges in other indicators as well.

The way forward

To sum up, the health dividend emanating from women's increased age at marriage is not imminent. Increasing the age of marriage without a commensurate improvement in women's education is least likely to yield better health and nutritional outcomes. Instead, it might adversely impact the poor and illiterate. The fact that about one-fourth of women (18-29 years) in India have married before 18 years despite the law tells us that legally increasing the age of marriage may not fully prevent child marriages. By contrast, much of the benefits can be reaped by ensuring that women complete education at least up to 12 years. The case of Bangladesh shows that improving women's education and imparting modern skills to them that increase their employability reduces child marriage and improves health and nutrition. Also, schemes which ease the financial burden of marriage but the eligibility criteria of which should essentially link to educational attainment in addition to age demand attention. The lessons from Janani Suraksha Yojana and the zeal demonstrated in ending open defecation might provide valid insights here.

Educating women is important for their personal freedom, social well being and contributes to human development. A legalistic approach to increasing the age at marriage will produce positive results only if it leads to an improvement in women's education and skill acquisition for employability. In the absence of an enhancement in women's schooling or skills, a legalistic approach to ending child marriage might become counterproductive.

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Dictates for doctors

The draft regulations for professional conduct of doctors require extensive reworking

GEORGE THOMAS

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has published a draft of the regulations it proposes for the professional conduct of doctors and invited comments by June 22. Chapters 2 to 6 deal with the professional conduct of doctors, the duties of registered medical practitioners towards their patients, the responsibilities of doctors to each other, the responsibilities of doctors to the public and allied health professionals, and professional misconduct, respectively.

Areas that need reworking

Much in these chapters is similar to the existing regulations of the erstwhile Medical Council of India. The requirement for every registered medical practitioner to maintain patient records for three years from the last consultation will be difficult to implement for most general practitioners who provide high-quality services at low prices and depend on high volumes of patients to earn a decent income. It will reduce the number of patients who can be attended to, add considerably to costs, and delay treatment. This measure is unwise and should be withdrawn. In the section on informed consent, the statement that "in an operation that may result in sterility, the consent of both husband and wife is required" is poorly thought out and must be redrafted. It is possible that the person requiring such surgery may be single. Even if the individual is married, this regulation is contrary to the principle of individual autonomy.

Following the chapters detailed above, there are 11 guidelines. These guidelines are a curious mix of templates for certificates and extensive instructions. It is interesting that guideline 3, the NMC code of medical ethics, has dropped the controversial Charak Shapath and returned to the Declaration of Geneva. This is a wise move. India is a founder member of the World Medical Association and contributed to the drafting of the declaration. The guidelines on continuous professional development resemble an edict. All practitioners of medicine need to keep abreast of evolving knowledge in medicine to provide competent care to patients. Such continuing education must be sensitive to the needs of the practising doctor. It cannot be a repetition of college education. The rules suggested demonstrate a schoolteacher's approach with excessive regulation and control. Renaming continuing medical education as continuing professional development is symptomatic of this bureaucratic approach. Typically, medical practitioners utilise a variety of media to enhance knowledge. The easy availability of high-quality content on the Internet has greatly enhanced accessibility. Medical practitioners are mature learners and do not need the stick to be forced to learn.

A committee, the draft says, will decide who can impart continuing education and what the content of such education should be. This lays the foundation for the creation of a new set of rent-seekers who will create such content, get it approved by the committee and sell it to the medical professional who has no option but to undergo these courses. Recertification has been required in the U.S. since 2000. Studies have shown that the major beneficiaries have been corporate programmes licensed by the American Board of Medical Specialties called Maintenance of Certification. The experience in the U.S. demonstrates that there is no value in recertification. It is unclear why India should follow a path known to be useless. This guideline should be removed if not extensively reworked.

Lack of harmony

The blanket prohibition on medical practitioners participating in educational activities sponsored directly or indirectly by pharmaceutical companies and the allied health sector will severely restrict access to the latest developments. It is true that there is much literature on the malign influence of pharmaceutical companies and medical device makers on medical decision-making but prohibiting information flow is unlikely to counter this influence. It is wiser to provide guidelines on such education. In the guidelines on social media, the prohibition of sending scan images on social media will considerably impair communication and needs rethinking.

The guidelines on telemedicine read more like a briefing paper than a guideline. It is one of the most elaborate sections and there is some repetition, but it provides a good framework in a type of medical consultation that became somewhat common during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is a lack of harmony in the draft. The first part, the regulations, read like typical bureaucratese. The guidelines on comprehensive professional development have a schoolmarm air, and the one on telemedicine reads like a chapter from a textbook. In summary, the draft needs extensive reworking.

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STATE OF PLAY

A testing time for Pinarayi

The political wrangle could hamper Kerala's struggle to clamber out of the economic recession

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An evolving high-level political scandal, with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at the centre of it, has sparked off protests in Kerala.

Several in the government have been under the scanner since the gold smuggling case grabbed the headlines. A week ago, Swapna Suresh, an accused in the case who was earlier a consulate employee handling the affairs of the Kerala government, stirred up a political storm when she alleged that Mr. Vijayan had sought the UAE Consulate's help to import "contraband metal and ship out tranches of foreign currency" via the diplomatic channel to avoid customs scrutiny. She also gave a sworn statement to a judicial magistrate stating the same. The government denied the accusation. Ms. Suresh then alleged that the government had dispatched plainclothes officers to raid her house in a reprisal for making charges against Mr. Vijayan. She released 'audio evidence' of an alleged troubleshooter for the government who, she claimed, had tried to arm-twist her into retracting her "damning statement" against Mr. Vijayan. She alleged that the intermediary had told her that Mr. Vijayan and CPI(M) State secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan had channelled their "ill-gotten" wealth into the U.S. account of a religious group. The group denied the charge and so did the CPI(M). Subsequently, the 'intermediary' said on television that he was not a police agent and had acted in Ms. Suresh's best interests and that they were family friends.

The startling developments sparked anti-government street protests. Congress and BJP workers pressed for Mr. Vijayan's resignation. Scenes of Congress and BJP workers scaling police barricades and attempting to overrun law enforcers dominated television screens. The controversy provided powerful ammunition to the Opposition to accuse Mr. Vijayan of using the might of the state to silence "whistle-blowers" and to dismiss the LDF's lofty statements on upholding democracy and human rights as hollow.

The government reacted to these mounting accusations by removing the officer who is believed to have despatched the intermediary. But the LDF threw its weight behind Mr. Vijayan. The CPI(M) said it perceived a Congress-BJP plot to unleash anarchy by resurrecting old lies mouthed by discredited proxies.

Meanwhile, the State has also faced criticism for allegedly banning black face masks and clothes at an event attended by the Chief Minister. The opposition seems to have adopted black as a symbol of resistance against the government. Black flags were shown to Mr. Vijayan soon after Ms. Suresh's allegations, which caused angry LDF leaders to ask why there was a deliberate move to embarrass the Chief Minister and why the protesters insisted on using one colour to show their displeasure. Mr. Vijayan denied that the government had sought any such ban.

The controversy might not have the shelf life to shape the electorate's preferences in the general or Assembly elections in 2024. Even now, Mr. Vijayan remains secure and strong in government and the CPI(M). The scandal has also pushed the resistance against the SilverLine project to the background, at least for now. It is important to remember that voters had brushed aside similar allegations during the 2021 Assembly election campaign and granted the LDF a second term in power. However, these developments come as a headache for a government that is aspiring to lure global investment and create a knowledge economy. The political wrangle could hamper Kerala's struggle to clamber out of the economic recession caused by the pandemic and increase employment.

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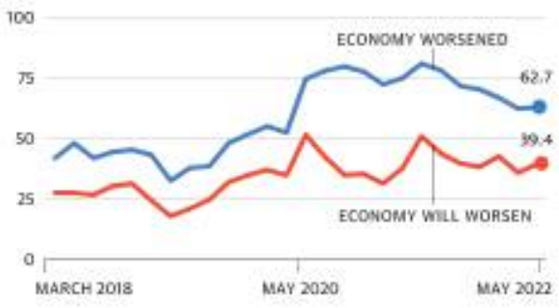
DATA POINT

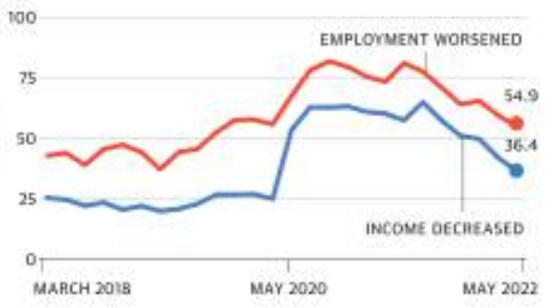
Better incomes but higher expenses

Pessimism about the economy among Indian consumers has fallen from the peaks recorded during the first two waves of COVID-19, but is still nowhere close to the relatively low pre-pandemic levels. The observations are based on the RBI's consumer confidence survey conducted between May 2 and May 11 across 19 major cities. The good news is that there is greater confidence about employment opportunities and income levels in the latest edition of the survey. However, due to high inflation, pessimism is peaking again regarding price levels and spending. At present, while income levels have improved, spending has increased too. Moreover, the CMIE's consumer sentiments survey shows that the improvement in confidence levels is limited to urban areas

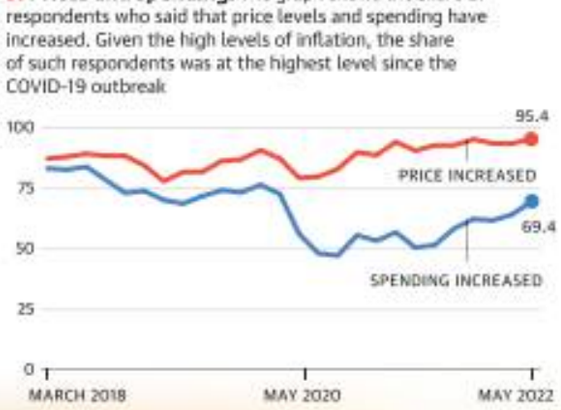
1. General economic situation: The graph shows the share of respondents who said that the general economic situation has worsened and the share of those who expect it to worsen a year later. While the levels of pessimism have come down, they are still nowhere near the pre-pandemic lows



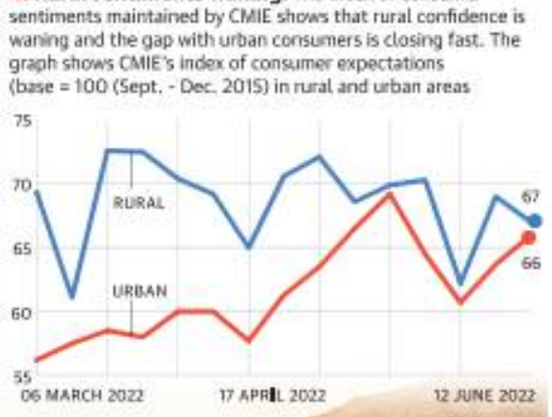
2. Employment and income: The graph shows the share of respondents who said that income levels and employment scenarios have worsened. On both counts, pessimism is at the lowest level is has been since the COVID-19 outbreak and is fast approaching what was seen before the pandemic

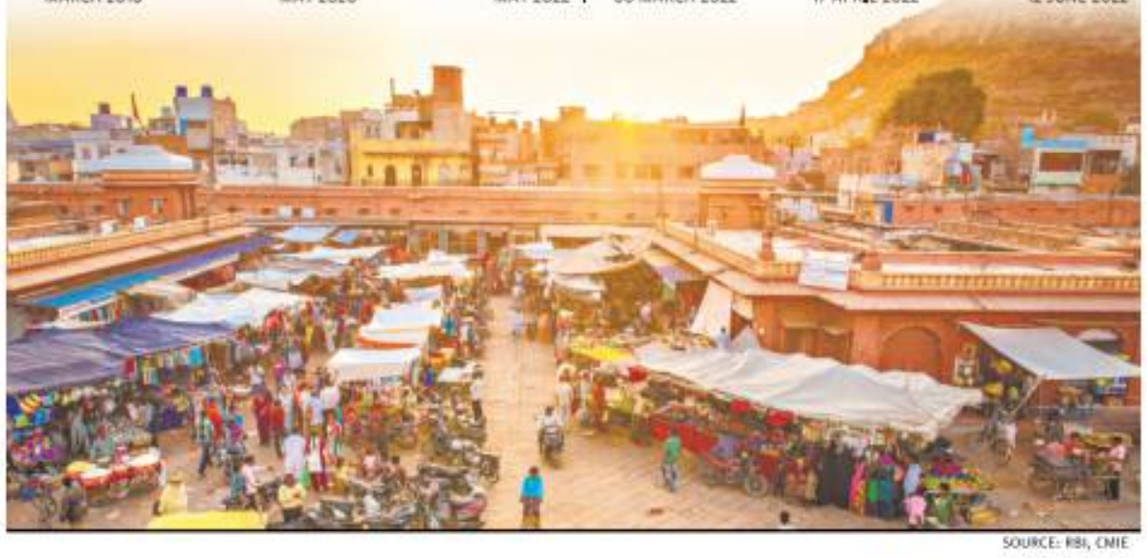


3. Prices and spending: The graph shows the share of respondents who said that price levels and spending have increased. Given the high levels of inflation, the share of such respondents was at the highest level since the COVID-19 outbreak



4. Rural sentiments waning: The index of consumer sentiments maintained by CMIE shows that rural confidence is waning and the gap with urban consumers is closing fast. The graph shows CMIE's index of consumer expectations (base = 100 (Sept. - Dec. 2015) in rural and urban areas





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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 15, 1972

Mrs. Gandhi's speech at the U.N.

Stockholm, June 14: The Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi to-day warned the U.N. Conference on human environment against an ecological crisis adding to the burdens of the weaker nations by the introduction of new considerations in political and trade policies of the rich countries. The fight against pollution should not be at the expense of the third world, she said. Poor countries should not become "museum pieces" in the name of environment. "It would be ironic," Mrs. Gandhi told the 114-nation conference, if the fight against pollution were to be converted into another business out of which a few companies, corporations or nations would make profits at the cost of many. Mrs. Gandhi received a standing ovation from the conference delegates as she entered the hall and went up the dais and also when she ended her address described as an "inspiring" one by the Swedish President of the conference, Mr. Egmund Bengtsson. Despite a bungling by the United Nations Secretariat – a bulletin giving to-day's agenda had said that the plenary session would meet at 10 O' clock this morning and Mrs. Gandhi would speak at 3 p.m. – the spacious hall of "the folkets hus" (House of People) was packed to capacity. Mrs. Gandhi said that she was convinced that the unfinished revolution in developing countries could be taken to its culmination when it was accompanied by a revolution in social thinking. After referring to various aspects of the problem of human environment, Mrs. Gandhi said that they were all interlinked and there was no alternative to a cooperative approach on a global scale to the entire spectrum of these questions. "The most urgent and basic question is that of peace," she told the conference.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 15, 1922

Housing problem in Calcutta

Calcutta, June 15: Since 1900, the Calcutta Corporation has been considering the question of erecting model dwellings for poorer classes. Several Committees were appointed and various sites were suggested but the scheme never materialised during the first nine years. A special committee was appointed in 1919 and it recommended that provision should be made in the loans budget for the scheme it had approved. At yesterday's meeting of the Corporation, the Chairman announced that it has not been possible to do so owing to other urgent demands on finances of the Corporation.

FROM PAGE ONE

Pawar meets Mamata, Left party leaders

Ms. Banerjee called on the NCP chief as soon as she landed in Delhi.

The details of the discussions were not known but Trinamool sources had earlier told *The Hindu* that they were keen on fielding Mr. Pawar as a consensus candidate or a senior politician with wide acceptability.

The NCP chief, who arrived from Mumbai on Tuesday morning, also had a lunch meeting with CPI(M)'s Sitaram Yechury and CPI's D. Raja, in which the leaders are believed to have discussed potential candidates for the July 18 Presidential polls.

Though the Congress and the Left parties were miffed at Ms. Banerjee's "unilateral" move of inviting 22 Opposition leaders to formulate a joint strategy, the two fronts will be part of her initiative.

Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, chief whip Jairam Ramesh and general secretary Randeep Surjewala will be representing the Congress.

The Left parties, however, will be nominating their MPs for the meeting, instead of their top leadership.

In a letter to the West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, Mr. Yechury stressed the need to hold prior consultations to enable the participation of the maximum number of people instead of "unilaterally announcing the date, time and venue".

WPI inflation quickens to record 15.9%

But the further uptick in WPI inflation, in contrast to the consumer price trends, could warrant greater circumspection from the monetary policy perspective, as producers would eventually pass on higher costs to consumers, economists said. May's "inordinately high" wholesale inflation was signalling continued upward pressure on retail inflation in the next few months, cautioned D.K. Srivastava, chief policy advisor, EY India.

Inflation in primary articles also gained momentum, rising to 19.7% from April's 15.5%. LPG inflation shot up from 38.5% in April to 47.7% in May. While diesel inflation eased only marginally from 66.1% in April to 65.2% in May, petrol inflation dropped slightly from 60.6% in April to 58.8% in May. The government had pared excise duties on petrol and diesel on May 21.

"The high rate of inflation in May is primarily due to rise in prices of mineral oils, crude petroleum & natural gas, food articles, basic metals, non-food articles, chemicals & chemical products and food products compared to the previous year," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said.

CARE Ratings' Rajani Sinha attributed the record wholesale inflation to the spike in food and energy prices. "Vegetables and cereals prices surged due to heatwave-led disruptions and have pushed up primary food inflation, while elevated crude oil prices, LPG price hikes and electricity tariff revisions contributed to the rise in fuel and power inflation," she said. The WPI for this March was also revised upwards, reflecting an inflation rate of 14.63% instead of the 14.5% earlier estimated by the Office of the Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. "The rise in global crude oil prices is expected to put upward pressure on the headline WPI print for June 2022, even as the weakening of the Rupee is likely to augment the landed cost of imports. We expect the wholesale price inflation to remain elevated at ~15%-16% in June," chief economist, ICRA, Aditi Nayar said.

Ex-judges write to SC against U.P. demolitions

The petition added that the State Chief Minister had directed that the National Security Act, 1980, and the Uttar Pradesh Gangsters and Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act, 1986, be invoked against the protesters. "Videos of young men in police custody being beaten with lathis, houses of protesters being demolished without notice or any cause of action, and protesters from the minority Muslim community being chased and beaten by the police, are circulating on social media, shaking the conscience of the nation. Such a brutal clampdown by a ruling administration is an unacceptable subversion of the rule of law," it said.

ED questions Rahul for over 11 hours

While the Congress called the repeated summons as "vendetta politics," Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot accused the BJP of unleashing the "terror of Central agencies and bulldozer politics".

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel also took strong objection to the Delhi Police stopping him while he was on his way to the Badarpur police station where some senior Congress leaders and MPs were lodged after detention.

Among the senior leaders who were detained for the second day included party's Lok Sabha leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, General Secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, Randeep Surjewala, Jairam Ramesh, Gaurav Gogoi, Deepender Singh Hooda, Ranjeet Ranjan among others.

Visuals of Rajya Sabha member Jeby Mather and Youth Congress chief B.V. Srinivas being roughed up by the police went viral.

"Shame on you @CPDelhi. @AdvJebiMather is Member of Parliament.. Hon'ble chairperson @VPSecretariat will take action? Why @smritiirani silent when women leader is treated so badly? She is the women & child welfare minister or Troll minister only," Lok Sabha member Manickam Tagore tweeted.

In almost a replay of Monday's scenes, CRPF security personnel of Mr. Gandhi, who is Z Plus security protectee, placed themselves on the foot board of his SUV as his convoy made it to the ED office.

All the approach roads leading to the ED office or the AICC headquarters were out of bounds for the public as barricades were put up and anti-riot police force, the Rapid Action Force (RAF) and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were deployed to prevent the Congress workers gathering in large numbers.

Posters of accused removed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

Days after violence broke out in Ranchi after Friday's prayer meeting on June 10, the police on Tuesday released posters of those who indulged in violence, but later removed them.

Earlier on Monday, Jharkhand Governor Ramesh Bais summoned the State police chief and other officials and asked them to make public the names and addresses of all protesters. The Ranchi police on Tuesday put up the posters carrying photographs of as many as 33 protesters near the Raj Bhavan and sought information about them from common people, but later removed those posters.

Two persons were killed and 20 injured in the violence that broke out on Friday.

Later, the police had clamped curfew and Section 144 of the Cr.PC and suspended Internet services. Meanwhile, the Ranchi police have lodged 25 FIRs on the incident. Six of the 22 accused are undergoing treatment in a hospital in Ranchi.

U.P. police may not act against minors accused in Prayagraj

Arrest only of persons who 'were actually involved' in violent protests, says SSP

OMAR RASHID
LUCKNOW

The police on Tuesday said they could take a more relaxed approach against minors accused of violence during a protest in Prayagraj last Friday against comments on the Prophet Muhammed made by a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson. No innocent person will be arrested, Ajay Kumar, Senior Superintendent of Police, Prayagraj, said.

Mr. Kumar said they were only arresting or would arrest persons who "were actually involved" in the violent protest, "those who are hardcore criminals".

Meanwhile, the number of persons arrested by the police across the State in connection with the protests climbed to 350. The highest number of arrests was in Prayagraj (92), followed by Saharanpur (84).

Among those taken into custody in Prayagraj were four minors. In the first information reports (FIR) lodged in the Prayagraj incident of June 10, when protesters threw stones at police personnel, the police alleged the mob deployed minor boys for sloganeering and throwing stones at them.

Ensuring peace: District Magistrate Sanjay Khatri (centre) visiting the Atala area in Prayagraj on Tuesday. • PTI

Planned conspiracy

Talking to reporters on Tuesday, Mr. Kumar said that while the police would not spare those who "planned the conspiracy and instigated" the young boys, they could reconsider the action against minors.

"Those who were instigated or are minors, we will consider them. If they are not of bad nature, then we will give it a thought, consider it and take a decision," the officer said.

The FIRs related to the matter include Section 83 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which is related to using children for illegal or militant activities.

FIR lodged

In the FIR lodged at the Khuldabad police station, the police said that thousands of persons emerged from the Atala locality after Friday prayers raising religious slogans, and that they started throwing stones at the police personnel on duty.

They had with them hundreds of minors whom they instigated in sloganeering and throwing of stones, alleged the police in the FIR.

Relevant sections

The FIR lodged at the Khuldabad and Kareli police stations included charges of attempt to murder, criminal conspiracy, relevant Sections of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, and Sections 3 and 4 of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act.

The Khuldabad FIR was lodged against 70 named persons, including Welfare Party of India activist Javed Mohammad and Leftist leader Ashish Mital, and 5,000 unidentified others.

The administration on Sunday demolished Mr. Javed's house, calling it illegal.

In the FIR, the police also alleged that the protestors threw stones and bombs at them from roof-tops, and even fired at them. The protestors referred to the police as "*kafirs*," claimed the FIR.

L-G asks Jamaat-run schools to shut

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday stopped all academic activities at the schools run by the socio-religious Falah-e-Aam Trust (FAT), a body affiliated to the Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) that was banned in 2019. "No admission shall be taken in these banned FAT institutions. No further registration of these institutions shall be done," an order issued by the Lieutenant-Governor's administration said.

An official said the order was passed subsequent to the directions by the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. "All the students presently studying in these "banned" institutions shall admit themselves to nearby government schools for the current session, which is 2021-22," it reads.

All the chief educational officers, principals and zonal educational officers have been directed to "facilitate students" and "give wide publicity in all dailies and newspapers" about these institutions not being recognised.

Centre clears *Agnipath* scheme

'Agniveers' can apply for regular employment after 4 years and may get priority

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday announced the 'Agnipath' scheme for recruitment of youth in the armed forces for four years. The process of recruitment will commence in 90 days with a planned intake of 46,000 young men and women this year. This will be the only form of recruitment of soldiers into the three defence services from now.

Mr. Singh said the scheme was aimed at strengthening national security and for providing an opportunity to the youth to serve in the armed forces. Recruits under the scheme will be known as 'Agniveers'. After completing the four-year service, they can apply for regular employment in the armed forces. They may be given priority over others for various jobs in other government departments.

The move is expected to decrease the average age profile of armed forces personnel from the current 32 to 24-26 years over a period of time, Lieutenant-General Anil Puri, Additional Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, said. Enrolment to all three services will be through a centralised online system, with special rallies and campus interviews at recognised technical institutes such as the Industrial Training Institutes, and the National Skills Qualifications Framework, Lt. Gen. Puri said. Recruitment will be carried out on an "All India All Class" basis with the eligibility age ranging from 17.5 to 21, with medical and physical fitness standards in accordance with existing norms.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announcing the rollout of the 'Agnipath' scheme on Tuesday. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The 'Agniveers' will receive an annual package of ₹4.76 lakh in the first year to ₹6.92 lakh in the fourth year, apart from risk and hardship and other allowances as applicable. Under the 'Seva Nidhi' package, they will receive about ₹11.71 lakh, including contribution and interest, on completion of service. The recruits will have to contribute 30% of their monthly emoluments to Seva Nidhi, with a matching contribution made by the government. There will be no entitlement to gratuity and pension benefits under the scheme. However, the 'Agniveers' will be provided a non-contributory life insurance cover of ₹48 lakh during their service.

Total budget allocation for defence for 2022-23 is ₹5.25 lakh crore, of which revenue allocation is ₹2.33 lakh crore, capital allocation is ₹1.52 lakh crore, and defence pensions add up to ₹1.19 lakh crore.

Congress attacks govt. over *Agnipath* scheme

NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday attacked the Centre over its Agnipath scheme for recruitment of soldiers into the Army, Navy and the Air Force, largely on a short-term contractual basis, alleging the decision could 'compromise' the efficiency and operational capability of the three Services. The party also expressed concern about the future of the youth.

Minister to visit Russia for economic meet

Putin will be part of economic forum

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

India will participate in the biggest Russian trade meet that is expected to be launched by President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday.

The Indian delegation for St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) is to be led by Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemical and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya and the focus will be on fertilizer and potash supplies as India rushes to ensure uninterrupted fertilizer supply in the kharif season.

Potash supply was hit in February as Western sanctions targeted Russia, the leading supplier of potash in the global market.

This will be the 25th edition of the SPIEF and will take place from June 15 to 18. Egypt will be the guest country this year. In 2017, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the chief guest at the meet.

At the inauguration, Mr. Putin is expected to deliver a major speech on the new economic orientation of Russia since the "special military operation" began in Ukraine on February 24.

The Russian economy was hit by Western sanctions as the war in Ukraine began, leaving Russia with unused supplies of commodities that in normal circumstances would have been exported to the European markets.

Russia currently holds surplus foodgrains, lentils, spices such as coriander, iron and steel, minerals, fertilisers, timber and papers and other commodities and is looking for access to new markets in the Global South.

India has increased purchase of Russian crude as Moscow has been offering hydrocarbons at a steep discount. Commodities traders in the Indian capital have observed that Moscow is offering items at a price not found elsewhere.

The Hindu Group wins first spot at INMA Awards

Honour for marketing campaign

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The Hindu Group has bagged the first place at the INMA Global Awards, 2022 for its integrated marketing campaign for biscuit maker Britannia. "Bring Back Milk Bikis Classic" was the campaign created for the FMCG (fast moving consumer goods) company, which won the first place in the "Best Multi-Channel Client Advertising Campaign" category.

"Unacademy-Let's Crack CSE in Association with *The Hindu*" received an honourable mention under the "Best Idea to Grow Advertising Sales" category.

Suresh Balakrishna, Chief Revenue Officer, The Hindu Group, said the award was a recognition for *The Hindu's* in-depth understanding of consumers. "This international acknowledgement has nudged us to create more out-of-the-box ideas that will engage, inform and entertain our consumers," he said.

The awards were instituted by the International News Media Association (INMA), one of the leading providers of global best practices for news media companies looking to grow revenues, audiences and brands amid profound market change. The competition evaluated news media companies across three segments – national brands, regional brands, and media groups.

The 2022 Global Media Awards competition received 854 entries from 252 news media brands in 46 countries.

Participants included newspaper media, magazine media, digital media, television, and radio.

Probe ordered by HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

The Calcutta HC directed the CBI to probe the alleged irregularities in the appointments of 269 teachers in the State-run primary schools. Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay in his order on Monday had directed president of the WB Board of Primary Education Manik Bhattacharya and the Secretary to appear before the agency.

105 hours later, boy out of borewell

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
RAIPUR

Following a rescue operation that lasted for over 105 hours and involved at least 500 people, Rahul Sahu, a 10-year-old specially-abled child from Janjgir-Champa district who fell into an 80-foot borewell on June 10, was rescued late Tuesday night. It was around 11.59 p.m. that Rahul was brought out of the tunnel on a stretcher by the rescue team and taken to Apollo Hospital in an ambulance for which a green corridor was created.

Doctors said they would closely monitor the situation as the boy, despite showing resilience as the operation continued, had weakened considerably due to limited intake of food and fluids. Long exposure to water and mud inside the borewell could have caused some skin problems too.

After the excavators had done their job, ground teams, equipped with drill machines, stepped in to complete the last leg of the tunnel.

The last 1.5 feet were challenging as it involved digging through hard rock and any mistake could have proven fatal.

CJI to decide on urgent listing of PIL against Soren

Jharkhand govt. had moved SC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday informed the Jharkhand government, during an oral mentioning, that the Chief Justice of India has to take a call on the urgent listing of its appeal against a State High Court decision to entertain a PIL plea for a CBI probe against Chief Minister Hemant Soren in a money-laundering case.

Hemant Soren

A Vacation Bench of Justices A.S. Bopanna and Vikram Nath advised senior advocate Arunabh Chowdhury, appearing for the State, to give details about the petition to the registrar so that the apex court registry could take orders from the Chief Justice's office about its listing.

The State has moved the apex court in appeal against a Jharkhand High Court order upholding the maintainability of the PIL petitions seeking investigation against Chief Minister Soren for alleged irregularities in granting mining leases and the transactions of shell companies said to be owned by his family members and close associates. In its order on June 3, the HC had concluded that the "writ petitions cannot be thrown away on the ground of maintainability".

Prior to that, on May 24, the top court had asked the HC to first hear the preliminary objections on the maintainability of these petitions.

The allegations in these petitions include the setting up of several shell companies to launder money siphoned off from different welfare funds meant for Jharkhand. They allege that Mr. Soren and several others were involved in the formation of these shell companies. A petitioner, Shiv Shankar Sharma, had sought investigation by the CBI and the ED into the allegations of corruption, misuse of office and money laundering against Mr. Soren. Mr. Soren had strongly denied the allegations.

Beant killer's picture at Darbar Sahib

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee – the body responsible for the management of Gurdwaras – on Tuesday placed a portrait of the assassin of former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh in the central Sikh museum, situated inside the Darbar Sahib (Golden Temple) complex in Amritsar.

The SGPC also installed a portrait of the former 'head granthi' of Akal Takht Sahib – the highest Sikh temporal seat – Giani Bhagwan Singh at the museum.

SGPC president Harjinder Singh said this was to acknowledge their services. Former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh and at least 16 others were killed in an explosion outside the Civil Secretariat in Chandigarh in 1995. Dilawar Singh, the suicide bomber, was a Punjab police officer who joined Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), a terror organisation striving for a separate Sikh state. Mr. Harjinder Singh said Dilawar Singh had put an end to the atrocities and gross human rights violations committed against the Sikhs then.

INTERVIEW | SHYAM SARAN

India must insist on return to *status quo* on border in talks with China

Former National Security Advisory Board Chairman says multiple rounds of talks prove Chinese encroachment occurred in 2020, regardless of govt. statements

SUHASINI HAIDAR

Two years after the Galwan clashes on June 15-16, 2020, where 20 Indian soldiers and at least four Chinese soldiers (according to official figures but possibly more) were killed, the government says it has still not ascertained why China amassed its troops in such large numbers on the border, despite 15 rounds of military talks at the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Former Chairman of the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) and author of the new book How China Sees India and the World, **Shyam Saran** *says that New Delhi must continue to push for a return to the situation prior to April 2020, when Chinese transgressions were first detected. Excerpts:*

It has been two years since the clashes in Galwan, the worst casualties in decades. Why do you think the Galwan clash and all that followed has happened?

■ [Prior to 2020] The India-China border was seen as kind of a model of how two countries had enough maturity to deal with a disputed border, maintained peace and tranquillity at the border and allowed the relationship in other areas to flourish. What Galwan [clash] represented was a departure from that particular trend that we had in the past decades. Why did this happen? One is that China's view of power is very hierarchical, it is very sensitive to the balance of power amongst major powers. I think in the context of the growing asymmetry of power between India and China, China's sensitivity to Indian concerns has diminished. China thought it could do this and get away with it.

Secondly, over the last decade or so, while there has been very major improvement of infrastructure on the Chinese side of the border, India, which was lagging behind, actually began to catch up. Unlike the past where Indian patrols and Chinese patrols had infrequent encounters, there is now big increase in the number of times they encounter each other along the LAC in Ladakh.

China's sensitivity to Indian concerns has diminished. China thought it could do this and get away with it

It is also two years since Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that China has not entered or is holding any Indian territory. How does China view India's responses? Is it better to be more discreet and deal with China bilaterally?

■ The fact that we have had what about [15] rounds of talks between India and China on the situation on the border, would indicate that there has been in fact, encroachment on the Indian side or the border... otherwise, what are we talking about? If Indian patrols are not being allowed to go to areas which they have been patrolling in the past, is that not a change in the material situation on the border? Whatever may be the statements made, the fact is that we are dealing with a situation where China has advanced territorially in areas which we have been claiming as our own, and exercising jurisdiction over. Whether or not it is a good policy to remain low key on this issue, that is a matter of debate. Perhaps you can explain this by pointing to the fact that we are engaged in a series of consultations or negotiations with the Chinese side, on trying to, you know, get back to the *status quo ante*.

Is a return to *status quo ante* April 2020 at the LAC still a possibility?

■ I think [*status quo ante*] should be an objective, because China has made a material change in the *status quo*, which both sides had agreed repeatedly that they will not unilaterally try to alter. So I think the Indian side is fully justified in asserting that if relations have to come back on track, this is what is needed. Making that stand on the Indian side is important.

External Affairs Minister Jaishankar has pointed to the 1987 Sumdorong Chu stand-off indicating that this stand-off may take as much time — seven or eight years to resolve. Do you agree?

■ Mr. Jaishankar is right that it took a fairly long time for us to be able to resolve the Sumdorong issue. But in the case of Doklam, we were actually able to defuse this within a shorter period of time. And I relate that to the overall, geopolitical situation. Now, could there be another similar kind of a geopolitical situation which may arise in the foreseeable future, where China once again, sees it in its interest to bring down the temperature on this front [with India], particularly in the wake of the ongoing Ukraine war? Possibly. For that reason, I think it is important for us to keep asserting our stand that in order to get the relationship back on track, we need to go back to the *status quo*.

(Full interview on bit.ly/ChinaIndiaborder)

Unemployment has decreased, says latest labour force survey

Data show rate of joblessness fell to 4.2% in 2020-21, compared with 4.8% earlier

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The unemployment rate saw a decrease of 0.6% and fell to 4.2% in 2020-21, compared with 4.8% in 2019-20, according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for 2020-21 released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation here on Tuesday.

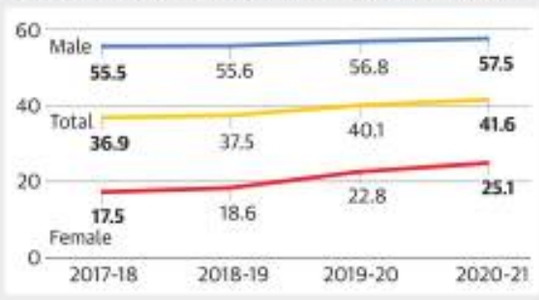
This means that only 4.2% of adults who looked for jobs could not get any work in rural and urban areas of the country in 2020-21.

Rural areas recorded an unemployment rate of 3.3% and urban areas 6.7%.

The National Statistical Office (NSO) uses "rotational panel sampling design" in urban areas to assess the labour force participation rate (LFPR), worker population ratio (WPR) and the unemployment rate, and visits select households in urban areas four times. There was, however, no revisit for the rural samples.

The sample size for the first visit during July 2020-June 2021 in rural and urban areas was 12,800 first-stage sampling units (FSU) in 7,024 villages and 5,776 urban frame survey blocks.

Looking for work | The labour force participation rate (LFPR) has continued to improve further in 2020-21, according to the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey. The graph shows LFPR over years across genders



First-stage sampling

Out of this, 12,562 FSUs (6,930 villages and 5,632 urban blocks) were surveyed for canvassing the PLFS schedule.

"The number of households surveyed was 1,00,344 (55,389 in rural areas and 44,955 in urban areas) and number of persons surveyed was 4,10,818 (2,36,279 in rural areas and 1,74,539 in urban areas)," the Ministry said in a release.

The LFPR, the percentage of persons in the labour force (that is, working or seeking work or available for work) in the population, was 41.6% during 2020-21. It was 40.1% in the previous year. The WPR was 39.8%, an increase from 38.2% of the previous year. The WPR is defined as the percentage of employed persons in the population.

Migrants are defined in the survey as a household member whose last usual place of residence, at any time in the past, was different from the present place of enumeration. The migration rate, according to the survey, is 28.9%. The migration rate among women was 48% and 47.8% in rural and urban areas, respectively.

Rural jobs

Experts point out that a second visit to the households in rural areas could have provided a bigger and larger picture of unemployment, which did not happen in the survey.

"Overall, the report suggests shifting the government's policy directions as it has become more rural-centric. Creation of rural jobs other than in the agricultural sector and MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) could be priorities for the government at the Union and State levels," Sridhar Kundu, senior research analyst at the Indian School of Business, said.

Presidential polls: special cell set up

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

With the nomination process for the presidential election set to begin on Wednesday, the Rajya Sabha Secretariat has set up a special cell for the poll.

Rajya Sabha Secretary General P.C. Mody has been appointed Returning Officer for the July 18 presidential election. He will also head this cell.

The cell, which has been set up following the instructions of the Election Commission, comprises almost all officials from the Rajya Sabha Secretariat's table office.

Officer on Special Duty Mukul Pande and Joint Secretary in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat Surendra Kumar Tripathi – both assistant returning officers for the election – are also part of this cell.

Since nomination papers would only be available at Parliament house, the cell will ensure hassle-free process for those asking for the forms, and filing their nominations. The election will be held across the country, but counting will take place in Parliament.

PM lauds unsung heroes of Freedom Struggle

He opens commemorative gallery

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The indifference towards unsung heroes of India's Freedom Struggle has continued for a long time, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday, remarking that knowingly or unknowingly, there was a tendency to limit India's Independence to just a few incidents.

Mr. Modi, who was speaking at the inauguration of the "Gallery of Revolutionaries" at the Raj Bhavan in Mumbai, said that regardless of social, familial or ideological roles, the goal of all revolutionaries within the country or abroad was the same – India's complete Independence.

'Collective impact'

In a veiled dig at the Congress, the Prime Minister said: "Knowingly or unknowingly, there has been a tendency to limit India's Independence to just a few incidents. Whereas, India's Independence involved the *tapasya* of countless people and the collective impact of many incidents at the local level was national."

The "Gallery of Indian Revolutionaries" called *Kranti Gatha* has been created in the British-era bunker discovered below the Governor's residence, Raj Bhavan, in 2016.

It has been curated under the guidance of historian Vikram Sampath, author of a two-volume biography of V.D. Savarkar.

The gallery features exhibits dedicated to freedom fighters from Maharashtra, including Vasudev Balwant Phadke, Lokmanya Tilak, V.D. Savarkar, Anant Laxman Kanhere, Bhikaiji Cama, and Ganesh Pingale.

The Gallery meanwhile drew criticism from the Congress, with Maharashtra Congress spokesperson Sachin Sawant alleging that the mainstream freedom struggle was not reflected in the "Gallery of Revolutionaries". "For years, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has been trying to undermine mainstream non-violent freedom struggle and reinvent the history of freedom movement (as RSS was not part of it) in order to showcase it through a right-wing prism," said Mr. Sawant.

Plaintiff seeks FIR against masjid panel

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

One of the Hindu plaintiffs in the Gyanvapi Mosque-Kashi Vishwanath Temple dispute on Tuesday moved the district court in Varanasi seeking an FIR against the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee for allegedly trying to erase symbols of Hinduism from inside the premises.

Jitender Singh Bisen, who represents plaintiff Rakhi Singh in legal matters as the power of attorney holder, said he had moved the application stating that the masjid panel was allegedly indulging in erasing signs and symbols that purportedly prove the existence of a temple at the disputed site. He said the court had admitted the plea. Now, it had been listed for next hearing on June 23. He added that his plea did not mention the disputed structure found in the *wuzu khana* of the mosque and referred to symbols of Hinduism inside the premises.

The main suit filed by the Hindu plaintiffs is being heard by the District Judge, Varanasi.

Three MLAs join BJP in Madhya Pradesh

RAIPUR

Three MLAs from Madhya Pradesh – one each from the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and an Independent – joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday. The SP's Rajesh Shukla represents Bijawar, the BSP's Sanjeev Shukla is an MLA from Bhind and Vikram Singh Rana represents Susner.

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THE KERALA STATE WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(A Government of Kerala undertaking)
1st Floor, Transport Bhavan, KSRTC Building, Eastfort, Attakulangara P.O, Thiruvananthapuram-695023, Kerala. Ph : +91 471 2454585
KSWDC/P5/SHE PAD/General/2019-2022 Date:13/06/2022
E-TENDER NOTICE
The Managing Director, Kerala State Women's Development Corporation Ltd. (KSWDC) invites e-tenders for Supply of Sanitary Napkin and Supply and Installation of Incinerator from eligible firms.
Nature of work : Supply of Sanitary Napkin and Supply and Installation of Incinerator
Tender No : KSWDC/P5/SHE PAD/General/2019-2022.
Estimated amount: Rs. 5.5 Crore/-
Last Date of Submission of Bid Online: 02.07.2022 at 5 pm
Tender ID : 2022_KSWDC_494216_1.
For more details, visit : www.etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kswdc.org
(Sd/-) Managing Director

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through e-procurement Portal Only)
Tenders are invited through GoK e-Procurement portal: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from the contractors/agencies who are reputed individuals/Company and having past experience for the following works.
1). KPCL/2022-23/ PS/WORK_INDENT 12485, Dtd: 10.06.2022, for Removal of existing damaged insulation Supply & Application of new insulation materials for Raichur TPS-Unit 1 & 2 Boiler (in a phased manner). EMD: Rs. 55,000/-.
2). KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12486, Dtd: 10.06.2022, for Inspection, Repairs/Replacement of Damaged Instrument & Service Air lines, Boiler Drains Lines in the area of Unit 1 & 2 Boiler area; and Extension of LDO lines to CD & EF elevation in unit 4. EMD: Rs. 38,000/-.
Last date for queries/clarification: 22.06.2022 @ 16:00Hrs. Last date for submission of completed bids(2 Parts): 25.06.2022 @ 16:00Hrs. Opening of Technical Bid (Part 1): 27.06.2022 @ 11:00Hrs. Opening of Financial Bid (Part 2): 29.06.2022 @ 11:00Hrs. Further information if required can be obtained from the office of the Superintending Engineer (Mechanical Maintenance-1), KPCL, RTPS, Shakthinagar-584170, Raichur District, Karnataka. Mobile No.: 94489 99460.

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB
(Established by Government of India)
RECRUITMENT NOTICE
No. CUPB/22-23/006 Date: 14.06.2022
Online applications are invited from prospective & eligible candidates for the following posts on tenure basis under DR. AMBEDKAR CHAIR ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES.

Name of the Post	Pay Scale
Chair Professor (01-UR)	Academic Level-14 (Entry Pay of Rs. 1,44,200)
Assistant Professor (01-UR)	Academic Level-10 (Entry Pay of Rs. 57,700)

Last date to Apply Online: 13.07.2022 (upto IST 05:00 PM)
For Further details, please visit www.cup.edu.in REGISTRAR
VPO Ghudda, District-Bathinda-151401 (Punjab), Email: recruitment@cup.edu.in
इसका हिंदी रूपान्तर विश्वविद्यालय की वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध है।

GUJARAT METRO RAIL CORPORATION (GMRC) LIMITED
(SPV of Govt. of India and Govt. of Gujarat)
Block No.1, First Floor, Karmayogi Bhavan, Sector 10/A, Gandhinagar: 382010, Gujarat. (CIN): U60200GJ2010SGC059407
LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
TENDER NOTIFICATION No.: GMRC/GD & AD/MP-L12/2022
Dated : 15.06.2022
E-Tenders are invited from reputed and experienced Contractors for the following tender :

Tender Name	Tender Fees
E-Tendering for "Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Two No of Blow Down Plant for Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project Phase-I"	INR 25,000/-

Interested bidders are requested to visit https://gmrc.nprocure.com for eligibility criteria, applying/downloading the tender document. The last date and time for Bid Submissions of Tender is till 15:00 Hrs on 30.07.2022.
Any alterations in Eligibility Criteria cum Qualification Requirements, and terms of the Tender Document, or any amendment to the Tender Document, etc, will be uploaded on https://gmrc.nprocure.com and GMRC's Website www.gujaratmetrorail.com without any obligation or press notification or other proclamation.
Sd/-
Managing Director,
GMRC, Gandhinagar

दिल्ली प्रौद्योगिकी विश्वविद्यालय
DELHI TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
(Estd. by Govt. of Delhi vide Act 6 of 2009)
(Formerly Delhi College of Engineering)
Shahbad Daulatpur, Bawana Road, Delhi-110042
B.Tech (LATERAL ENTRY) ADMISSION 2022-23
Delhi Technological University invites online applications for admission in 2nd Year B.Tech. programe for the academic year 2022-23 against the vacant seats in different disciplines through Lateral Entry w.e.f. 17.06.2022 to 04.07.2022. Admission will be made on the basis of Admission Test conducted by the University. Details of the admission Procedure, important dates and discipline wise vacant seats are available in admission brochure at University website www.dtu.ac.in
Sd/-
Registrar

Rajasthan Skill & Livelihoods Development Corporation
EMI Campus J-8A Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur – 302004 (Rajasthan)
Ph: +91-0141-2705817, 5103248, Fax: +91-0141-5103246, www.rajasthanlivelihoods.org
1. FACT SHEET AND KEY TIMELINES ABOUT THE PROJECT

1	Tender No.	RSLDC/Job Fair/2022-23/2030 dated 06.06.2022
2	Name of the Work/Project	"Selection of Service Provider for Organizing Job Fairs for Preliminary job offer of Unemployed Youth of Rajasthan State"
3	Name of the issuer of this Tender	Managing Director, Rajasthan Skill & Livelihoods Development Corporation
4	Date of issue of Tender Document	06/06/2022
5	Date for sending Pre Bid Query	13/06/2022 on e-mail- GM1.RSLDC@gmail.com
6	Pre-Bid Meeting	15/06/2022 at 03:00 P.M at RSLDC office.
7	Publishing of Pre-Bid queries	16/06/2022 on website http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and http://livelihoods.rajasthan.gov.in
8	Last Date for Submission of Bid	27/06/2022 up to 06:00 P.M.
9	Date of Technical Bid Opening	28/06/2022 at 12:30 P.M.
10	Date of Financial Bid Opening	To be informed later
11	Mode of Financial Bid Opening	Online
12	Address of Communication	Managing Director, Rajasthan Skill & Livelihoods Development Corporation (RSLDC), Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur-302004 (Rajasthan)
13	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	2% of tender value EMD shall be deposited through Demand Draft in favor of RSLDC payable at Jaipur.
15	Processing Fee (Non-Refundable)	Rs. 1180/- (Rupees only) The processing fee shall be deposited through Demand Draft in favor of MD, RISL payable at Jaipur.
16	Bid Document fee	Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) shall be deposited through Demand Draft in favor of RSLDC payable at Jaipur.
17	Availability of Tender Document	Tender document can be downloaded from http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.livelihoods.rajasthan.gov.in
18	Validity of Proposal	Proposals must remain valid 90 days after the submission date.
19	Method of Selection	QCBS
20	Bid Submission	Bid Submission will be online through single e-Procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in only.
1	Project Cost and duration	Rs. 32.85 Cr. [Including GST] (Rs. 1 lakh per block and Rs. 50,000/- per GP) Work order will be issued as per budget available in phase 1 and further will be extended in coming phase(s).

Note:
1. The date of opening of the financial bids will be intimated to the qualified Bidders before the due date through e-mail or telephone.
2. RSLDC reserve the right to change any schedule of bidding process.
Please visit http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in
Raj.Sanwad/C/22/3469

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, RAIPUR
(An Autonomous Institute Under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI)
Advertisement No NF/DR/1/22; Date 03.06.2022
NF/DR/2/22; NF/DR/3/22; NF/DR/4/22; NF/DR/5/22
RECRUITMENT ADVERTISEMENT
AIIMS, Raipur invites online applications on Direct Recruitment basis from the Indian nationals for Group 'A' posts of Clinical Psychologist (1-UR, Level-10), Law Officer (1-UR, Level-10),Group 'B' posts Junior Engineer (A/C & R) (2-UR, Level-6), Medical Record Officer (Total-4, 3-UR, 1-OBC, Level-6) and Radiotherapy Technician Grade II (1-UR, Level-6).
Last date of receipt of online application is 02.07.2022.
For details of recruitment i.e. eligibility criteria, online application, selection procedure, terms and conditions, further notifications, corrigendum, addendum etc. please visit the website www.aiimsraipur.edu.in. Dy. Director (Admin.)

CSIR-CENTRAL BUILDING RESEARCH INSTITUTE, ROORKEE-247667
Advertisement No. Estt./2022/01
Closing date: 05.07.2022
CSIR-CBRI is intends to hire 01 Assistant Consultant (Civil Engineering) having 5 years in relevant area of the construction supervision / quality assurance of buildings, mentoring progress, preparation of project progress and completion report proficiency in various project on contract basis for a period of One Year which may be extended till the duration of the project at New Delhi, India on fixed remuneration of Rs. 50,000/- For details regarding eligibility criteria mode of interview and terms and Conditions etc. may please visit CBRI website http://cbri.res.in
Administrative Officer

GUJARAT URJA VIKAS NIGAM LIMITED
Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhavan,
Racecourse, Vadodara 390007
PBX : (0265) 2310582-86, Web: www.guvnl.com
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
GUVNL invites tenders for procurement of power through Competitive Bidding (followed by e-reverse auction) from 500 MW Grid Connected Renewable Energy Projects with Assured Peak Power Supply along with the Energy Storage Systems (ESS) located in the State of Gujarat through RfS No. GUVNL / 500 MW / RE with ESS (Phase XV) dated 14.06.2022. For tender documents please visit the website www.bharat-electronictender.com and www.guvnl.com. The last date of bid submission is 30.07.2022
Date: 15/06/2022 General Manager (RE & IPP)

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA, IRRIGATION & CAD DEPARTMENT
Irrigation Circle, Hill Colony, Nalgonda District
Tender is invited by Irrigation Circle, Hill Colony Nalgonda District vide Notice No: 08SE/ICHC/2022-23 Dated: 10.06.2022 (2nd call) for work "Repairs to Spillway slope and bucket portion of Nagarjuna Sagar masonry dam including repairs to spillway approach road after floods of 2022 at Nagarjuna Sagar Dam, Nalgonda dist., Telangana" for an ECV Rs.16,54,99,407/- is available from 15.06.2022 to 22.06.2022 at 3.00 PM and last date for receipt of bid is 22.06.2022 at 5.00 PM for further details see in e-procurement website.
R.O. No.:239-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23
Sd/- K. Dharma, Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Hill Colony.

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IN BRIEF

Assam flood situation better; toll goes up to 30

GUWAHATI

A pause in rainfall over the past 40 hours has helped improve the flood situation in Assam but the receding water took two lives on May 26, according to an official statement. The drowning of two people, including a child, has taken the toll to 30. Five of them died due to landslips. According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority, 12 districts in the State have reported floods while a landslip was reported from Dima Hasao district in the past 24 hours.

DGCA slaps ₹10 lakh fine on Air India

NEW DELHI

The DGCA has levied a fine of ₹10 lakh on Air India for failing to have a compensation policy for passengers who are denied boarding despite holding a valid ticket, in situations such as overbooking. "It appears that the airline doesn't have a policy in this regard, and is not paying compensation to hapless passengers. It is a matter of serious concern and unacceptable," said Director General of Civil Aviation Arun Kumar in a press statement. The matter came to the DGCA's attention when it was conducting checks at various airports to observe compliance with its regulations.

SBI raises deposit and lending rates

NEW DELHI

The SBI has raised its deposit and lending rates following the Reserve Bank's repo rate increase last week. The bank said interest rates had been raised by 0.2% on domestic term deposits of below ₹2 crore for select tenors. For deposits of 211 days to less than one year, the lender will offer interest rate at 4.6%, as against 4.4% earlier. Senior citizens will be offered an interest of 5.1% as against 4.9% earlier. For domestic term deposits of one year to less than two years, customers can earn interest of 5.3%.

Cabinet gives nod for Dholera airport

NEW DELHI

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Tuesday approved the development of a new greenfield airport at Dholera, Gujarat, which will be developed at an estimated cost of ₹1,305 crore in the first of its three phases. The project is being implemented by Dholera International Airport Company Limited, which is a joint venture company comprising 51% share of the Airports Authority of India, 33% of the Gujarat government and 16% of the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust. The first phase will be completed by 2025-2026.

New plan to save jumbos from train hits

Geographical patterns to be analysed; measures that can be implemented by Railways to be proposed

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

With 186 elephants officially reported to have been killed in collisions with trains in the past decade, the Environment and Railway Ministries are exploring a project to minimise the number of such accidents.

While piecemeal measures have been taken in States, the latest initiative is to analyse patterns geographically and propose measures that the Railways can feasibly implement.

The Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, an autonomous body, and the Environment Ministry have had an initial round of discussions with Railway officials, said S.P. Yadav of the National Tiger Conservation Authority.

Bilal Habib, a scientist at the WII and one of the leaders of the project, said a draft document was expected to be readied in July. A preliminary analysis showed the States with the highest elephant numbers were not always the ones with the most deaths. Assam, West Bengal and Uttarakhand were hilly States that saw the most number of casualties, Mr. Habib said. Slopes were a tricky terrain for elephants and when the animals attempted to cross railway lines, they lingered longer near or on tracks resulting in collisions. "An elephant is the only mammal with six toes, one of which is exclusively for gripping slopes. Due to this, they take more time to descend slopes and when tracks are located at such locations, they tend to result in accidents," Mr. Habib said.

Creating underpasses or dedicated elephant passes near existing lines are not always feasible for the Railways, given the expenses, as it required as much as 20 km of pathway on either side of the track.

Mr. Yadav cited instances of elephants refusing to abandon their young were they to get trapped on the lines, resulting in casualties.

In response to questions raised in Parliament on such collisions, the government said that it had put in place measures, such as providing fencing at selected locations, erecting signage boards to warn locomotive pilots about identified elephant corridors, sensitising train crew and stationmasters on a regular basis, clearing vegetation on the sides of the track within railway land, deputing a Forest Department staffer in Railway control offices to liaison with Railway, and have the Forest Department engage elephant trackers for timely action by alerting stationmasters and locomotive pilots.

Fatal hit: Assam, West Bengal and Uttarakhand saw most number of elephants killed in train accidents. A file photo of two elephants killed after being hit by a train at Moraghat.

'ASI Act to be made more flexible'

A subcommittee is to be formed to look into amending the 1958 Act: Minister

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Tuesday said the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) was working on an amendment to make the law that provides for preservation of monuments and archaeological sites "more flexible and people-friendly". He was addressing the meeting of the Central Advisory Board on Archaeology (CABA) here.

Mr. Reddy, who chairs the CABA, said the amendment was under consideration. Later, speaking to presspersons, Mr. Reddy said a subcommittee would be formed to look into the matter. *The Hindu* had reported on February 6 this year that the Culture Ministry was working on an amendment to the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, to change the current 100-metre prohibited area around protected monuments to site-specific limits.

G. Kishan Reddy

According to an ASI statement, the meeting was attended by 25 members, including representatives from 15 States and four retired ASI Directors-General. In a tweet, ASI said: "CABA met to strengthen contacts between ASI & other allied institutions to take archaeology forward. 42 resolutions from members were deliberated. Matters pertaining to excavations, manpower, training, conservation, collaboration with universities among other issues were discussed."

An ASI official said among the issues raised by members were the need for ASI to focus more on employment-generation in the tourism sector, funds to be provided for excavations and training for States to be provided by the Institute of Archaeology.

Meanwhile, in his address, Mr. Reddy said the ASI would put up the national flag at 2,000 monuments across the country on Independence Day as a part of the government's Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

He added that the G20 leaders summit to be hosted by India next year would be an opportunity to showcase the country's culture and heritage. He said programmes would be organised at ASI monuments and around various festivals and customs.

The CABA was reconstituted by the ASI on May 19, over seven years after its last meeting on October 17, 2014.

Daily COVID cases fall to 6,594

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

With 6,594 fresh cases of COVID-19 reported in the 24 hours to 8 a.m. on Tuesday, the number of active cases has gone up by 2,553 to 50,548, the Union Health Ministry said. There were six deaths during the period. The daily new cases reported on Monday was 8,084.

The daily positivity rate recorded on Tuesday was 2.05%, while the weekly positivity rate was 2.32%. The case fatality rate was 1.21%, the Ministry said. Two death were reported from Assam and one each from Goa, Maharashtra, Punjab and West Bengal.

Youth avoiding news, says Reuters study

'India is a mobile-focussed market'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Trust in news is falling, with much of the public, especially the younger age groups, increasingly turning away from news, according to the 2022 Reuters Institute Digital News Report, an annual study that tracks how news is consumed in different countries. The study, based on a survey conducted in 46 markets through online questionnaires, finds that "the connection between journalism and much of the public may be fraying".

Noting that people are trusting news content less and less, the report states that consumption of traditional news media declined in nearly all the countries surveyed, with online and social consumption of news not making up for it. Further, the proportion of news consumers who say that they "avoid news" has risen sharply across countries, with the report describing the phenomenon as "selective avoidance".

As regards the reasons for this aversion to news, many respondents said they were "put off by the repetitiveness of the news agenda – especially around politics and COVID-19 (43%)". Some said they were "worn out by the news" (29%). A significant number said they avoided news because they did not trust it (29%). About one-third (36%), especially those under 35, said that news ruined their mood. About 17% said they avoided news because it led to arguments they would rather avoid, while 16% said reading the news led to feelings of powerlessness.

In the section on India, produced in collaboration with the Asian College of Journalism, the report, observing that "India is a strongly mobile-focussed market," stated that 72% of the survey respondents accessed news through smartphones and 35% did so via computers. Also, 84% of the Indian respondents sourced news online, 63% from social media, 59% from television, and 49% from print. YouTube (53%) and WhatsApp (51%) were the top social media platforms for sourcing news. While legacy print brands and public broadcasters continued to have high trust levels among the respondents from India, only a minority – 36% and 35% – felt that the media was free from undue political influence and undue business influence respectively.

For India, the data is more representative of younger English speakers and not the national population as such.

Coal scam: CBI questions Abhishek Banerjee's wife

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday questioned Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee's wife Rujira Banerjee for over seven hours in connection with the coal pilferage scam.

The CBI had interrogated her in February last year ahead of the Assembly elections in the State.

Indian workers treated like slaves in Qatar: BMS

Outfit highlights the issue at ILO meet

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The RSS-affiliated trade union Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) on Tuesday said it had taken up the "slave labour-like" treatment of Indian workers in Qatar with the government and trade union delegates of that country during the 110th International Labour Conference being held in Geneva.

In a statement, the BMS said that since the hosting of the FIFA World Cup was awarded to Qatar, Indian workers had been kept in "slave labour" conditions. The statement also explored the *Kafala* system of managing labour, currently on in Qatar. "The *Kafala* system has caused severe trauma not just to Indian workers but also to workers from other South Asian countries," said the statement. The system, according to the statement, involves seizing of passports of workers, bad living conditions, overtime work, sexual abuse and forcibly making people work in areas in which they have no skills.

The BMS said 1,611 Indian migrants had died in Qatar since 2014 but getting their bodies back was a Herculean task.

Elderly lack financial, social security: study

52% of those surveyed reported inadequate income; 40% said they did not feel financially secure

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A national survey carried out by HelpAge India has shown that 47% of elderly people are economically dependent on their families for income and 34% relied on pensions and cash transfers, while 40% of the surveyed people have expressed a desire to work "as long as possible", highlighting the need to pay greater attention to social security of senior citizens in the country.

The report, released by Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry Secretary R. Subrahmanyam on the eve of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, was based on a survey conducted by the non-governmental organisation with the involvement of 4,399 senior citizens and 2,200 caregivers across 22 cities.

Hand of support: Financial planning and social security need greater attention, says HelpAge India. • GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

The report said that 52% of the elderly surveyed reported inadequate income; 40% said they did not feel financially secure; 57% said their expenditure was in excess of their savings; and 45% said the pension amount was not enough for survival.

"This suggests both financial planning for later years and social security needs much greater attention," HelpAge India said in a statement, adding that it had been advocating for a universal pension of ₹3,000 a month.

The survey also found that 71% of senior citizens were not working, while 36% were willing to work and 40% wanted to work "as long as possible". As much as 30% of the elders were willing to volunteer their time for various social causes.

"One good news is that 87% elders reported there is availability of healthcare facilities nearby, however 78% elders mentioned unavailability of app-based online healthcare facilities and a significant 67% elderly reported they do not have any health insurance at this critical stage in their lives and only 13% are covered under government insurance schemes," HelpAge India said.

The report highlighted the way elder abuse is perceived and reported – 59% of elders felt that elder abuse was "prevalent" in society, but 10% reported being victims themselves.

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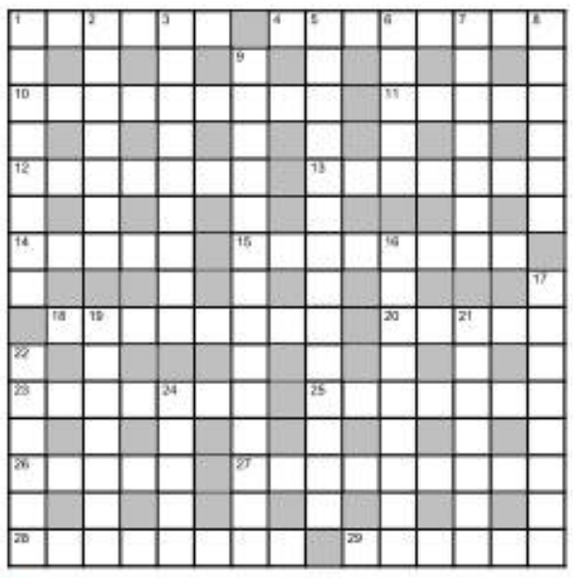

ACROSS

1 Young reporter getting time in Chennai to become a painter (6)
4 Ship from Switzerland comes in ahead of schedule (8)
10 Song, maybe about a rich man (9)
11 Row over grand animal (5)
12 Charm with last of champagne? No, a rum cocktail (7)
13 They say everyone dies in this marathon? (4,3)
14 Office worker broke locker, missing nothing (5)
15 US city girl welcoming star (3,5)
18 Wake up from bed finally at noon, perhaps (6,2)
20 Couple of you after retirement can even wed! (5)
23 One politician facing every charge (7)
25 Win state, breaching border from the east (7)
26 Set up a kiosk counter, partly non-functional (5)
27 Helping to protect University in decay (9)
28 Left fish as presents (8)
29 Charlie relaxes and stops (6)

DOWN

1 Force to smuggle millions in trade (8)
2 Dressing in black, with maturity (7)
3 Sick on vacation – however, after drinking shake, rise quickly (9)
5 Cats and spaniels frolicking in daydreams (7,2,5)
6 Volunteer to join work to attain money (3,2)
7 Atmosphere, say, in rebellious nation (7)
8 Keen group of artists? (6)
9 Evergreen and enduring duo (6,3,5)
16 Quote: "Nature seems endlessly mysterious" (9)
17 Swan and duck, initially let loose in marshy area (8)
19 In theory, individual to eat bland food and start to recover (2,5)
21 Designed ultimately useful font with ASCII characters, to emphasise a point (7)
22 Lift movie award, reportedly (4,2)
24 Leader deleted more silly post (5)

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

Solution to puzzle 13582

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Importance of good health

Dhanvantari, an amsa of Lord Narayana, is mentioned in Puranas. He came from the milky ocean when it was churned. The treatise called Bhavaprakasa says Indra wanted to help human beings, because he saw them suffering from diseases, said Velukkudi Krishnan in a discourse. He, therefore, asked Dhanvantari to go to the earth and keep the world free from disease, for that, after all, was the purpose of the Dhanvantari avatara. Dhanvantari was born in the royal lineage of Varanasi, and was known as Divodasa. One version says that Divodasa was the grandson of Dhanvantari. There is a portion of Bhagavata Purana, called Narayana Kavacha, which talks about Dhanvantari.

The court of King Vikramaditya of Ujjain was adorned by nine gems, each of them an expert in some field. The nine gems were Dhanvantari, Kshapanaka, Amarasimha, Kalidasa, Varahamihira, Vararuchi, Shankhu, Vetala Bhatta and Ghatakarpa. The presence of Dhanvantari among the nine gems shows the importance kings gave to the health of their subjects. Ayurveda is the science that is concerned with increasing the lifespan of human beings. It is also concerned with making those long years healthy.

Hindu philosophy says that we take births due to our karma. A jivatma suffers or has pleasant experiences based on its past karma. Among the many things that cause unhappiness and agony in mankind, diseases are perhaps the foremost. It is to mitigate suffering due to disease that Prajapati gave the world Ayurveda. Significantly, in the Srirangam temple, close to the Dhanvantari shrine is the Paramapada entrance. Dhanvantari gives us good health on earth. The Paramapada entrance shows us that moksha too can be given only by Lord Narayana, when our life on earth ends.

U.K. set to send asylum-seekers to Rwanda

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson defended his plan to send asylum-seekers of various nationalities to Rwanda just hours before the first plane was set to leave on Tuesday, saying that efforts to block the flights were "abetting the work of criminal gangs" involved in smuggling people across borders.

Mr. Johnson's government has reached an agreement with Rwanda to deport people who enter the U.K. illegally to the East African country in exchange for millions of pounds in development aid.

The government contends this will deter people from paying criminals to help them take the risky journey across the English Channel in small boats.

The policy has faced a series of legal challenges and sparked heated protest in the U.K.

WHO to hold meet on monkeypox

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GENEVA

The World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday it would hold an emergency meeting on June 23 to determine whether to classify the global monkeypox outbreak as a public health emergency of international concern.

The UN agency is also working to change the name of the disease.

"The outbreak of monkeypox is unusual and concerning," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

In reversal, Joe Biden to visit Saudi Arabia, interact with MBS

President will also hold a virtual summit with PM Modi and leaders of UAE, Israel

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WASHINGTON

Poll pitch: During his presidential campaign, Biden had vowed to isolate Saudi Arabia over the killing of Jamal Khashoggi.

U.S. President Joe Biden will travel to Saudi Arabia as part of a larger trip to West Asia in July and his visit will involve an interaction with Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman (MBS), who, according to U.S. intelligence agencies, was the mastermind behind the brutal murder of *Washington Post* columnist Jamal Khashoggi in 2018. During his presidential campaign, Mr. Biden had vowed to isolate Saudi Arabia over the killing and make it "pay".

Mr. Biden's trip will comprise a visit to Israel, the West Bank and Jeddah (Saudi Arabia), on July 13-16, during which time he will also hold a virtual summit level meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and the UAE's President, Mohammed bin Zayed, as part of the I2-U2 (India, Israel, the U.S. and the UAE) country grouping.

In West Asia, the U.S. is engaged in partnerships that include a mixture of countries in the region and those outside, a continuation of the Trump administration's effort to help build Israel's links to other countries. The Israel leg of Mr. Biden's trip, according to a senior administration official, who did not want to be named, was to not just "reaffirm" the U.S.'s "ironclad" commitment to Israel's security but also deepen areas of cooperation across sectors, and enhance Israel's integration with regional countries, such as in groups that include countries from outside West Asia.

"And in this regard, the President will hold a virtual summit with the I2-U2 heads of state for discussions of the food security crisis, and other areas of cooperation across hemispheres, where the UAE and Israel serve as important innovation hubs," the official told reporters on a briefing call on Monday. There will also be "side meeting and engagements" which will be announced later.

The President's trip to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, which will follow visits to Israel and the West Bank, is centred around a meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council plus three (GCC + 3). The GCC is an economic and political alliance of six West Asian countries.

"So yes, we can expect the President to see the Crown Prince," the official said.

On Wednesday, the administration official defended the move saying the engagement with Saudi Arabia had helped yield results – notably a truce to a conflict between a Saudi-led coalition and rebels in Yemen, and an agreement by Saudi Arabia and other OPEC+ states to increase output of oil by 50%, ahead of schedule. Petrol prices in the U.S. and elsewhere have been soaring, and while there has been opposition to Mr. Biden's visit to the Kingdom from lawmakers, some have suggested he use the relationship to further U.S. interests.

"From the earliest days of our administration, we made clear that U.S. policy demanded recalibration and relations with this important country but not a rupture," the official said on Monday.

Last week, members of Congress wrote to Mr. Biden asking him to "further recalibrate" the bilateral relationship so it serves American interests. The administration official said Crown Prince Mohammed had played "a critical role" in extending, beyond its initial two months, an April truce with Houthi rebels in Yemen.

Human rights

The President is expected to discuss human rights – a core issue for Democrats – during his time in the region, including in Jeddah. A lot of these conversations are held "behind closed doors" the official said, adding, "And that is the best way to get results."

The official also pointed to the fact that 30 (of 35) countries had voted against Iran at the International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA), the UN's nuclear watchdog, last week, as one of the outcomes of increased U.S. engagement in West Asia. The vote asked Iran to cooperate with U.N. inspectors investigating three undeclared sites.

"Whereas a year and a half ago, it was the United States that was isolated internationally on this important issue," the official said.

India, Pakistan and Libya had abstained during the vote, while Russia and China had voted against the resolution.

In the West Bank, Mr. Biden will consult with the Palestinian Authority and "reiterate his strong support for a two-state solution, with equal measures of security, freedom and opportunity for the Palestinian people", White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement.

The administration official said the visit will reinvigorate the U.S.-Palestinian Authority (PA) dialogue and renew the dialogue between the PA and regional countries, especially Israel.

"Of course, when we entered office nearly a year and a half ago, ties between the U.S. government and the Palestinians had been nearly severed," the administration official said, adding that the administration was now regularly engaging the Palestinian leadership and had, since last year, provided more than half a billion dollars in support for Palestinians since last April.

The Trump administration had slashed more than $500 million in bilateral aid for the West Bank and Gaza and funding for the UN agency for Palestinian refugees. It had also, controversially, recognised Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and moved the U.S. Embassy there.

Russia cuts off last routes out of eastern Ukraine city

Kyiv seeks howitzers, tanks and drones from the West

REUTERS
KYIV

Combat zone: A Ukrainian serviceman drives a tank towards the frontline at the eastern region of Donbas. • AFP

Russian forces cut off the last routes for evacuating citizens from the eastern Ukrainian city of Severodonetsk, a Ukrainian official said, as the Kremlin pushed for victory in the Donbas region.

The last bridge to the city was destroyed, trapping any remaining civilians and making it impossible to deliver humanitarian supplies, said Regional Governor Sergei Gaidai, adding that some 70% of the city was under Russian control.

Ukraine issued increasingly urgent calls for more Western heavy weapons to help defend Severodonetsk, which Kyiv says could hold the key to the battle for the eastern Donbas region and the course of the war, now in its fourth month.

Late on Monday, President Volodymyr Zelensky said the battle for the eastern Donbas would go down as one of the most brutal in European history.

The region, comprising the provinces of Luhansk and Donetsk, is claimed by Russian separatists.

"For us, the price of this battle is very high. It is just scary," he said.

"We draw the attention of our partners daily to the fact that only a sufficient number of modern artillery for Ukraine will ensure our advantage," Mr. Zelensky said.

Russia's main goal is to protect Donetsk and Luhansk, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said on Monday, after the leader of one of the separatist regions asked for additional forces from Moscow.

Ukraine needs 1,000 howitzers, 500 tanks and 1,000 drones, among other heavy weapons, Presidential Adviser Mykhailo Podolyak said on Monday.

Beijing is trying to endanger regional peace, says Taipei

Remarks on Taiwan Strait wrong, unacceptable, it says

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TAIPEI

Taipei on Tuesday condemned China for saying that the Taiwan Strait is not international waters, and accused Beijing of trying to endanger regional peace with its territorial claim over it.

Taiwan lives under the threat of invasion by Beijing, which views the self-ruled democratic island as part of its territory to be re-taken one day, by force if necessary. The narrow waterway that separates Taiwan and mainland China is a flashpoint, with Beijing often reacting angrily to passages by foreign warships.

The U.S. and other countries view the Strait as international waters open to all.

On Monday, Wang Wenbin, a spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry, said "China has sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction over the Taiwan Strait". "It is a false claim when certain countries call the Taiwan Strait 'international waters' in order to find a pretext for manipulating issues related to Taiwan and threatening China's sovereignty and security," he added.

Taipei on Tuesday termed Beijing's remarks "wrong" and "unacceptable". "China... blatantly violates Taiwan's sovereignty and damages international maritime order to endanger regional peace and stability," the ruling Democratic Progressive Party said in a statement.

German court rejects bid to remove anti-Semitic relic

The 700-year-old statue is in a church

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BERLIN

A file photo of the medieval anti-Semitic carving in Wittenberg. • AFP

A German federal court on Tuesday rejected a Jewish man's bid to have a 700-year-old anti-Semitic statue removed from a church where Martin Luther once preached.

The Federal Court of Justice upheld rulings by lower courts on the "Judensau", or "Jew pig", sculpture on the Town Church in Wittenberg – one of more than 20 such relics from the Middle Ages that still adorn churches across Germany and elsewhere in Europe. As in those rulings, judges pointed to the addition in the 1980s of a memorial at the site.

The case went to federal judges after courts in the eastern State of Saxony-Anhalt ruled in 2019 and 2020 against plaintiff Michael Duellmann. He had argued that the sculpture was "a defamation of and insult to the Jewish people" that has "a terrible effect up to this day," and had suggested moving it the nearby Luther House museum.

The federal court found that, viewed in isolation, the original statue "derides and denigrates Judaism as a whole", but that the parish remedied the legal situation by adding the memorial explaining its historical background. That, it added, meant that the parish had distanced itself from the "defamatory and anti-Semitic message" of the statue.

Top U.S., Chinese officials hold 'candid' discussions

But no compromise on core points

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BEIJING

The top Chinese and U.S. security advisers have held lengthy talks, with both sides describing them as "candid" following days of acrimonious exchanges over Taiwan and other issues.

Readouts of the meeting in Luxembourg on Monday were toned down compared with last week, when China's Defence Minister warned his country would not "hesitate to start a war" over Taiwan, while the U.S. Defence Secretary blasted Beijing's "provocative, destabilising" military activity.

But U.S. Security Adviser Jake Sullivan and top diplomat Yang Jiechi did not indicate any compromise on their core points of disagreement, especially Taiwan. "The Taiwan question concerns the political foundation of China-U.S. relations which, unless handled properly, will have a subversive impact," Mr. Yang was quoted as saying by China's official Xinhua news agency.

"The U.S. should not have any misjudgements or illusions (about Taiwan)."

A White House official said Mr. Sullivan reiterated the U.S. policy of recognising Chinese sovereignty but expressed "concerns about Beijing's coercive and aggressive actions across the Taiwan Strait".

Xinhua said the talks were "candid, in-depth, and constructive" while the White House described them as "candid, substantive, and productive".

Mr. Sullivan "underscored the importance of keeping open lines of communication to manage competition between our two countries", the White House said. Mr. Yang also agreed on maintaining dialogue, Xinhua said, but made clear that Beijing was not going to shift its red lines.

Sturgeon to outline plan for independence vote

REUTERS
LONDON

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon on Tuesday said she was nearly ready to give more details on how the nation's devolved Parliament could move ahead with a new independence referendum without the consent of the British government.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his Conservative Party, which is in Opposition in Scotland, strongly oppose a referendum, saying the issue was settled in 2014 when Scots voted against independence by 55% to 45%.

But pro-independence parties won a majority in the Scottish Parliament in an election held last year, which Ms. Sturgeon said gave her an "indisputable democratic mandate" to push ahead with plans for a second referendum.

Ms. Sturgeon, leader of the pro-independence Scottish National Party (SNP), is aiming to hold a vote by the end of 2023 even though Mr. Johnson has refused to issue a "Section 30" order to allow one.

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No: KBJNL/IBC/O&M/Div /PB-2/2022-23/351 Dated: 08.06.2022
CORRIGENDUM NO-1 (Through e-Procurement only)

Ref: 1)This office tender Notification No:KBJNL/IBC/O&M/Div/PB-2/2022-23/277 Date:24.05.2022
Due to technical reasons, the tender invited vide ltr (1) under reference, modification in accessing & submission of Dates made in this Corrigendum-1. Tender **Accessing** dates are modified as **14.06.2022 to 22.06.2022** upto 5:00 pm. Last date of **Submission** is **22.06.2022** cover-1 (Technical Bid) shall be opened **24.06.2022** AT 11.00 AM.
The other Terms & Conditions of the tender notification floated earlier vide letter 1 under reference remain unaltered. Further the bidders are advised to visit the site at https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/Index.seam or from the undersigned during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,KBJNL, IBC O&M Division,Rampur(PA)
ವಾಸಂಸ/ಮಿಂಚಿಪ್ರ/131/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

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No. EE/KSPH&IDCL/CNT/TND/2022-23/110 Date: 13.06.2022
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
KSPH & IDCL invites online tender as per KTTP 2000 Act & as per Standard Tender Document KW-3&4 through e-procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (Two Cover System) for the works of :
1. **Construction of Police Station at Subramanya in DK district. (APT Rs.98.67 Lakhs)**
2. **Construction of Police Station at Hulaguru in Haveri district. (APT Rs.157.27 Lakhs)**

The Interested Eligible contractors may participate in the tendering process.
The details such as Tender Fee, EMD, Tender Documents, Last date of receipt etc., are available on e-Procurement Portal from Dt. 21.06.2022. Any further details can be obtained from KSPH&IDCL during the office Hours.
"KSPH & IDCL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reasons."
Note: Henceforth any changes/modifications in the tender will be updated only on e-Procurement portal.
Sd/- Executive Engineer – Contracts (I/c)
DIPR/CP/882/AKAR/22-23
COVID-19 - DON'T SPREAD RUMOURS. ACT RESPONSIBLY. AVOID INFECTION-NOT THE INFECTED.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Social Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of The Executive Engineer, Project Division,
R.R. Nagara Zone, BBMP Office Building, 2nd Floor,
Neharu Road, BEML Layout, Bangalore - 560098.
No: BBMP/EE/Proj/RRN/TEN/05/2022-23 Date: 14.06.2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Single Cover System)
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)
Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer (Project Division) on behalf of Commissioner, BBMP for the work mentioned below under the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000 in Prescribed format from the registered Service Provider / Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Esimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Maintenance and Repairs of Primary Health Centers at Rajarajeshwari Nagara Constituency	50.00	1,00,000/-
2	Providing Chain Link Fencing of Vacant BBMP Land and Other Works at Rajarajeshwari Nagara Constituency	50.00	1,00,000/-
3	Providing Chain Link Fencing and Other Works at Rajarajeshwari Nagara Constituency	50.00	1,00,000/-
Period for Completion of Work: **6 Month**			

Calendar of Event: (1) Documents can be downloaded from e-Procurement Website from: **20.06.2022** onwards **(2)** Last Date for Submission document of Tender: **28.06.2022** up to **4.00 p.m. (3)** Opening of Financial Bid: **29.06.2022** at **4.30 p.m (4)** Cost of tender form in Rs.: As per e-Procurement portal. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
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SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
2020-2021 15th Central Finance Commission
Solid Waste Management - Purchase of Vehicles
Extension of Tender Date
Roc.No.E4/11873/2020 **Date: 13.06.2022**
1. Purchase of 19 Type of works, Vehicles carrying solid waste in Salem Corporation area Compactor Vehicles, LCV Vehicles, Compactor Bins, HDPE Bins and Road Works in Total Estimate Cost of Rs.1450.75 Lakhs.
2. Bid document and other information available at (free of cost) **www.tntenders.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.salemcorporation.gov.in** "e submission" is also permitted.
3. Date and time for Tender Procedures.
Submission of bids - 15.06.2022 up to 30.06.2022 - 3.00 P.M.
Opening of bids - - 30.06.2022 at 3.30 P.M

DIPR/2790/Tender/2022
Commissioner, Salem Corporation.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
Highways Department
Projects Circle, Chennai-16
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 02 / 2022-2023 / SDO / Date: 14.06.2022
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Item Rate tender through online only will be received upto **20.07.2022, 15.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer(H), Projects Circle, Chennai** for One bridge work in respect of Chengalpattu (H) Projects Division under Railway Works Programme **2011-12.**
Details of Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **20.06.2022** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.
DIPR/2809/Tender/2022
Superintending Engineer (H), Projects Circle, Chennai-16.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The public are hereby informed that our client proposes to purchase all that piece and parcel of the land bearing survey No. 32/6 (old survey No. 32/3A), in Beedikere Village, Thubagere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, measuring 35 guntas (hereinafter, "Schedule Property"), from its present owner, Mr. Lakshminarayanappa (also known as Lakshminarayana), residing at No. 96, Masthenahalli Village, Kaiwara Hobli, Chinthamani Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.
Any person/s having any claims over the Schedule Property or having any objections to the proposed transaction may contact the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of this publication. Claims and/or objections received after the said period of 7 (seven) days will not be binding on our client and our client will proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property on the basis that no person has any claim on the Schedule Property and/or any objection to the purchase of the Schedule Property by our client.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of land bearing portion of new Survey No. 32/6 (old Survey No. 32/3A), in Beedikere Village, Thubagere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, measuring 35 guntas and bounded on the:
East by: Land owned by Nagappa;
West by : Land owned by Ramayya;
North by : Land owned by Ashwathamma; and
South by : Land owned by Anjinappa and access road.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client has agreed to purchase the 'Schedule Property', from its owners **1) Mr. Sheshagiri Kulkarni** S/o Mr. S. S. Kulkarni, Aadhar No: 468755806066, **2) Mrs. Shubha Kulkarni** W/o Mr. Sheshagiri Kulkarni, Aadhar No: 312966160751, residing at #14, 1st Cross, D Costa Layout, Cooke Town, St. Thomas Town, Bengaluru,Karnataka 560084.
Any Person/s, Societies, Association/s, Government Authorities, Financial institution/s, Banks, Judicial authorities asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the Schedule Property or any documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favor of my Clients, should write or contact me **within 12 days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period, my Client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Residential Apartment bearing No.1R-4A, Municipal No.53/150, PI.D No. 86-6353/150, situated on the First Floor, of the Block Known as **"ORCHID"** in the apartment Building Known as **"PURVA PARK"** constructed on the property bearing municipal nos.53, M.S.O. Colony, (earlier portion of Survey No's.98/1, 99/3 and 101, Doddigunta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, having a built up area of 1505 sq ft, consisting of Three bedrooms and one car parking area in the basement, along with 0.30% of undivided share in the Schedule 'A' property.
For NAYARKODI ASSOCIATES
Dhiraj Nayarkodi, Advocate
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MARKET WATCH

	14-06-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	52,694	-0.29
US Dollar	78.04	–
Gold	50,471	-1.55
Brent oil	124.08	1.62

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	704.70	9.45
Apollo Hosp	3706.20	54.30
Asian Paints	2635.40	-25.35
Axis Bank	650.75	1.80
Bajaj Auto	3681.75	-199.50
Bajaj Finserv	11336.50	-48.55
Bajaj Finance	5375.75	17.50
Bharti Airtel	682.05	10.75
BPCL	314.30	-3.65
Britannia Ind	3382.85	23.85
Cipla	964.70	9.95
Coal India	192.20	1.15
Divis Lab	3525.65	51.50
Dr Reddys Lab	4311.05	43.85
Eicher Motors	2722.75	21.95
Grasim Ind	1309.35	16.80
HCL Tech	996.90	5.10
HDFC	2109.50	-18.95
HDFC Bank	1312.00	-14.60
HDFC Life	572.40	-9.60
Hero MotoCorp	2557.60	-41.20
Hindalco	358.30	-8.15
Hind Unilever	2171.00	-25.90
ICICI Bank	685.50	-2.50
Indusind Bank	844.20	-21.25
Infosys	1440.55	16.05
ITC	265.45	0.80
JSW Steel	561.90	-2.10
Kotak Bank	1739.70	2.35
L&T	1544.65	12.60
M&M	1019.25	14.95
Maruti Suzuki	7811.65	-89.95
Nestle India Ltd.	16871.45	17.00
NTPC	151.40	2.50
ONGC	155.95	-3.60
PowerGrid Corp	223.95	1.60
Reliance Ind	2628.10	-34.80
SBI Life	1132.10	-1.60
State Bank	448.10	2.25
Shree Cement	19208.85	73.20
Sun Pharma	825.05	-4.45
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	735.85	-0.10
Tata Motors	405.15	-1.55
Tata Steel	996.15	4.20
TCS	3210.55	-9.05
Tech Mahindra	1030.15	-21.80
Titan	2102.00	-0.40
UltraTech Cement	5428.60	72.45
UPL	715.70	-10.70
Wipro	445.90	-0.20

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 14

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	77.79	78.11
Euro	81.19	81.56
British Pound	94.07	94.48
Japanese Yen (100)	57.91	58.15
Chinese Yuan	11.55	11.60
Swiss Franc	78.27	78.60
Singapore Dollar	55.89	56.13
Canadian Dollar	60.16	60.41
Malaysian Ringitt	17.58	17.68
Australian Dollar	53.62	53.84

Source: Indian Bank

IN BRIEF

India's palm oil imports slid 33% in May: SEA

NEW DELHI

India's palm oil imports declined by 33.2% to 5,14,022 tonnes during May this year, but there was a sharp increase in shipment of RBD palmolein oil by refineries, industry body Solvent Extractors Association (SEA) said. India, imported 7,69,602 tonnes of palm oil in May 2021. PTI

'Hiring outlook most optimistic in 8 years'

NEW DELHI

India's job market looks optimistic with 63% of companies planning to add more staff in the next three months, a survey showed. According to the Manpower Group Employment Outlook Survey, the labour market is indicating strong sentiment in the third quarter of 2022, with a net employment outlook of 51%, which is a record high in eight years. PTI

France's Total to buy 25% stake in Adani green hydrogen unit

ANIL-TotalEnergies JV eyes $50 bn green hydrogen investment over 10 years

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD

The Adani group said on Tuesday it had tied up with French energy major TotalEnergies SE to jointly create the 'world's largest green hydrogen ecosystem' in Gujarat's Kutch region.

As part of the tie-up, TotalEnergies would acquire a 25% stake in Adani New Industries Ltd. (ANIL), a unit of Adani Enterprises Ltd. (AEL). The joint venture aims to invest $50 billion over the next 10 years to set up the green hydrogen ecosystem, AEL and TotalEnergies said in a joint statement.

Going green: TotalEnergies aims to use the JV to decarbonise the hydrogen used in its European refineries. • REUTERS

"In our journey to be the world's largest Green H2 player, the partnership with @TotalEnergies will fundamentally shape market demand," Adani group chairman Gautam Adani posted on Twitter. "Our ability to produce the world's least expensive electron will lead to us producing the world's least expensive Green H2," he tweeted.

"TotalEnergies' entry into ANIL is a major milestone in implementing our renewable and low carbon hydrogen strategy, where we want to not only decarbonise the hydrogen used in our European refineries by 2030, but also pioneer the mass production of green hydrogen to meet demand, as the market will take off by the end of this decade." TotalEnergies chairman and CEO Patrick Pouyanne was cited in the statement as saying.

In the primary phase, ANIL will develop green hydrogen production capacity of 1 million tons per annum at Mundra before 2030.

Air India's bid to fully acquire AirAsia India gets CCI approval

Tata group raised holding in AirAsia India to 83.67% in 2020

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Competition Commission of India on Tuesday approved Air India's proposal to acquire the entire shareholding of the Tata group's low-cost subsidiary AirAsia India. This would help pave the way for the consolidation of various airline entities owned by Tata Sons.

"The proposed combination envisages the acquisition of the entire equity share capital of AirAsia (India) Pvt. Ltd. (Air Asia India) by Air India Ltd., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Sons Pvt. Ltd. (TSPL)," the CCI said in a statement.

TSPL currently "holds 83.67% of the equity share capital of AirAsia India," it added. AirAsia India was set up in 2014 as a joint venture (JV) between Tata Sons and Malaysia's AirAsia Berhad. The Tata group raised its stake in the JV to 83.67% in December 2020.

The nod comes almost six months after the government transferred the ownership of Air India and Air India Express to Tata Sons.

Air India's integration with Vistara, Tatas' JV with Singapore Airlines, is, however, likely to take time as negotiations are still underway with the JV partner.

The Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore had recently expressed concern over the Tatas acquiring Air India as three related entities – Singapore Airlines, Tata Sons and Vistara – have "overlapping passenger routes" between India and the city state, saying it needed to "assess further" whether there was sufficient competition from other unrelated airlines such as IndiGo.

RBI may raise rates to 5.9% by year end: Fitch

'Rates may rise to 6.15% by end-2023'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Fitch expects GDP to grow 7.8% in FY23, lower than its previous forecast of 8.5%

Fitch Ratings on Tuesday said the Reserve Bank was likely to raise interest rates further to 5.9% by December 2022, on deteriorating inflation outlook.

In its update to the Global Economic Outlook, Fitch said India's economy faced a worsening external environment, elevated commodity prices and tighter global monetary policy. "Given the deteriorating outlook for inflation, we now expect the RBI to lift rates further to 5.9% by December 2022 and to 6.15% by the end of 2023 (versus a previous forecast of 5%) and to be unchanged in 2024," Fitch said.

"Inflation has risen to an eight-year high and broadens across more CPI categories, posing a severe challenge to consumers. In the past three months, food inflation has increased by an average of 7.3% year-on-year, while healthcare bills are rising at a similar pace."

Growth in April-June is likely to improve on a rebound in consumption as COVID-19 cases had subsided towards end-March.

"We now expect the economy to grow by 7.8% this year (2022-2023), revised down from our previous forecast of 8.5%," the rating agency said.

Switch mulls ₹1,000-cr. e-bus unit

EV firm looks to raise £200 million in the short term

N. ANAND
CHENNAI

Switch Mobility Ltd., the electric-vehicle arm of Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL), is planning to set up a greenfield unit at a cost of about ₹1,000 crore to make electric buses, said a top official.

"Currently, we are evaluating different sites to make e-buses," Mahesh Babu, director & CEO, Switch Mobility India, said in an interview.

"The plant will come up in the vicinity of one of ALL's existing facilities."

Stating that the company was preparing multiple blueprints based on the EV policies of different States, he said a final decision would be taken in the next 4-6 weeks. The new facility would have an initial, annual production capacity of 2,500 buses. It could be doubled based on demand.

Green journey: Mahesh Babu, left and Dheeraj Hinduja with EiV 12 electric buses. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

On Tuesday, Switch Mobility rolled out its maiden electric bus platform 'Switch EiV 12' for the Indian market. The buses are currently made at ALL's Ennore facility.

"Right now, Switch has an order book of 600 e-buses," said ALL Chairman Dheeraj Hinduja.

"In the first three months of the current fiscal, we have bagged orders for 600 buses and might end the year with around 1,000 buses," Mr. Babu said. On fund raising, Mr. Babu said the firm needed about £200 million for 2-3 years and another £100 million for 3-5 years. Thereafter, the firm might tap the capital markets, he said.

Stocks narrow losses on retail inflation data

Rupee remains unchanged at 78.04

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The equity markets continued to see selling pressure on Tuesday but the losses narrowed compared with the previous session, owing to better-than-expected CPI data released on Monday.

The S&P BSE Sensex lost 153 points, or 0.29%, to 52,694. "The domestic market (was) restrained from heavy sell-off as CPI data moderated on a month-on-month basis and this had a calming effect amid global volatility," said Vinod Nair, head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

The NSE Nifty 50 lost 42.3 points, or 0.27%, to 15,732.

The rupee was unchanged over Monday's rate of 78.04 to the dollar.

Sugandha Sachdeva, VP, Commodity and Currency Research, Religare Broking, said the rupee had depreciated about 5% so far in 2022. "Along with rising crude oil prices, the prime culprit behind the rupee losing value... is the sharp rally in the greenback, which has risen by around 10% year-to-date towards a fresh two-decade peak," she said.

Govt. names Venu Srinivasan to RBI board

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Union government has nominated industrialists Anand Gopal Mahindra, chairman Mahindra Group, Venu Srinivasan, chairman emeritus TVS Motor Company Ltd. and Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel, chairman Zydus Lifesciences as part-time, non-official directors on the Central Board of the RBI.

Ravindra H. Dholakia, a retired professor of IIM-Ahmedabad, was also nominated. They would hold office for a period of four years with effect from June 14 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, the Reserve Bank of India said in a statement.

Airlines say it is back to 'business' as usual

Offline meetings, conferences shore up demand for corporate travel, 2 years after COVID-19 struck

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

When the pandemic forced office-goers to work remotely, much of corporate travel ground to a halt.

Those serving the travel and dependent industries were worried that exposure to virtual video-conferences and event platforms could sound the death knell for business travel. But two years later, there has been a '360-degree change', according to India's leading airline.

IndiGo, which controls 59% of the aviation market, saw 100% recovery in corporate or business travel in April and May 2022, and expects the demand to soon exceed pre-pandemic levels, said chief strategy and revenue officer Sanjay Kumar.

Set for take-off: IndiGo expects corporate travel demand to soon exceed pre-COVID levels. • FILE PHOTO

"The pandemic has created a new segment of travel, which includes those who used to travel by train but have since been exposed to air travel and are now continuing to remain with this mode of travel," Mr. Kumar explained.

The second factor, he said, was MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions) related travel.

"Since the last two years there were no meetings, conferences and exhibitions, and now all of a sudden we are seeing a huge number of these activities," observed Mr. Kumar.

A senior executive at GoFirst, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said, assuming they had seated 40 corporate travellers on a 186-seater plane prior to the pandemic, they were now boarding 45, and in some cases 50, corporate travellers – an increase to 29% from 24%.

Business travel is a lucrative opportunity for airlines for several reasons.

Corporate chunk

"Big corporates in the country account for 24-25% of the overall revenue from passenger traffic," said Mr. Kumar. "But if you track the pattern of travel of other categories such as lawyers, doctors, self-employed businessmen, then the entire corporate travel chunk is 46-48% of revenue," he added.

Business travellers also tend to be less price conscious, as the travel is at office expense and they often end up booking their tickets in the last minute, thus paying higher fares. Lastly, they also travel more frequently.

"Corporate travel also drives demand for leisure travel," the GoFirst executive said. "Not only do corporate-travellers commute from metro to metro, or from a metro to non-metro, but they also give us penetration into leisure [destinations]."

According to Thomas Cook Group, the demand for business travel is now more than 90% of pre-COVID levels and is led by IT, consultancy, banking and finance, global accounts and SMEs.

IRDAI extends eased insurance norms for crops

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Insurance regulator IRDAI is extending the timeline of relaxations pertaining to solvency margin requirement for crop insurance, a move estimated to free up about ₹1,400 crore for the general insurers.

Since 2017-18, the period of admissibility of premium due from government for solvency calculation purpose has been relaxed from 180 days to 365.

"Now, it has been decided to extend the relaxations from 2022-23 onwards till further orders," the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India said in a release on Tuesday.

SPORT

Six billion reasons to believe that the future of cricket is already here

The change is dramatic, disruptive and distinct, and likely to take the game into its next phase faster than was imagined at one time

BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

What do the figures with all those zeroes really mean? When you stare at a word long enough, it begins to look strange and meaningless. Psychologists call this 'semantic satiation'. Look at the IPL rights figures long enough – 50,000 crore, 60,000 crore, six billion dollars, – and there is numerical satiation. The figures begin to look faintly absurd.

The IPL ignores inflation, ignores Covid-induced slowdown, and seems to have carved out a kingdom of its own in the sporting landscape, independent of the economic climate. The pressure is now on the viewers to watch the IPL. Any drop in viewership may be construed as lack of interest and discourage advertisers. We are in for more hype, more hysteria, greater frenzy - and all that before a ball is bowled next year! That is the nature of the beast.

For those willing to pay the equivalent of a small state's GDP for the rights, it is not about cricket. It is about guaranteeing eyeballs to cement manufacturers, car makers, makers of perfumes and pan masala and tyres and fizzy drinks and more. It is about long-term audiences for their channels.

Attracting viewership

It is about attracting viewership to their other programmes through cricket. The IPL long ago reached the stage when it was too big to fail; now it is flirting with a more dangerous possibility – that of succeeding so well that the next round of rights cannot be sustained. Don't forget somebody has to pay for all this.

What will the Board of Control for Cricket in India do with the 100% revenue increase? It has already announced a hike in the pensions of former players and umpires, which is a good thing, but money-wise small change. Will the extra money be pumped back into the game or will it be used for more travel and greater comfort of the office-bearers?

Will the BCCI demand greater accountability from the State units? Will the first class fees in the National championships for players, umpires, scorers, groundsmen be increased as many experts have recommended?

Will spectator comfort at our stadiums move from the bottom of the priority list to somewhere closer to the top? Will the IPL be guaranteed a better class of commentator?

According to reports, advertisers paid between 15 and 18 lakh for a ten-second spot during this year's IPL. This will go up now as those with the rights have paid more for them. At what point will advertisers turn away? Then there is the question of the number of teams and matches.

Already there is talk of 12 teams and two IPL tournaments in a season. Perhaps another one abroad. That would take half the year or more. Where would that leave international cricket? Is franchise cricket the future of the game, with the World Cups the last vestiges of international rivalry?

Perhaps that is an exaggeration – but, as science fiction has showed us, what will be commonplace in the future begin as exaggerations in the present.

Breaking away

There is too the possibility that T20 cricket if not the IPL itself, could break away from the International Cricket Council, form its own eco system and offer players more money, more exposure and a better work-life balance.

When Joe Root admitted as he quit captaincy of England that it had become "a very unhealthy relationship", he might have been, unwittingly, speaking on behalf of international players tired of long tours away from the family, and with incomes barely commensurate with the effort. Add selectorial uncertainties and career-threatening injuries, and earning more for playing less becomes terribly attractive.

The IPL guarantees more money in a shorter period of time; it can be seen as a domestic challenge with an international flavour, and that can be appealing too.

Recent five-day Tests have been some of the most thrilling in the game's history, yet if a generation of players is convinced that the 20-over game has all the subtlety and nuance of a five-day match, it will be pointless trying to convince them otherwise. Money does make the (cricket) world go round, after all. That the figures for digital rights for the IPL have exceeded expectations is a pointer to the way cricket is expected to be consumed (to use marketing lingo) in the future. Old certainties no longer hold; the difference between the result of the previous rights cycle and the current one is not one of degree, but one of kind. The change is dramatic, disruptive and distinct, and likely to take the game into its next phase faster than was imagined at one time.

Earlier this year, *Forbes* pointed out that Mumbai Indians, the IPL's most valuable franchise at $1.3 billion is worth more than six Major League Baseball teams or 27 NHL teams. Great news for cricket's economy, but what about cricket itself?

FMSCI to host awards function today

SPORTS REPORTER
CHENNAI

After a two-year break due to the pandemic, the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI), the National governing body for the sport, will host its annual awards gala at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, here on Wednesday, June 15.

The awards function will bring together all the 2021 National champions in various formats of motorsport besides a host of aficionados and special invitees. P. Kandaswamy, Director General of Police, and Director, Directorate Vigilance & Anti-Corruption, will be the chief guest at the function. At the Awards function, the FMSCI will also honour the teams, besides promoters and sponsors involved in the sport.

Harshal, Chahal help India stay alive in series

Openers Ruturaj, Kishan lay the foundation with a 97-run stand; SA falls well short in its chase of 179

SA IN INDIA

S. DINAKAR
VISAKHAPATNAM

This has been a summer of sunshine for David Miller. He has raised the bar, made the impossible seem mundane, and nonchalantly dismissed bowlers with bludgeoning blows.

When seamer Harshal Patel's change of pace extracted a miscued hit from the left-handed Miller, caught well by Ruturaj Gaikwad at extra-cover for just three, it marked the decisive moment of the contest.

The architects: Ruturaj found his touch while Chahal's crucial blows spelt South Africa's doom. • K.R. DEEPAK

No comebacks

There were no comebacks for South Africa after Miller's exit and India, winning by 48 runs after bowling out the Proteas for 131, made the series scoreline 2-1 in the third T20I at the ACA-VDCA Stadium here on Tuesday.

The last two games of the series bristle with possibilities.

The Proteas, inserting the opposition, did well to restrict it to 179 for five after a blistering start from Ruturaj (57) and Ishan Kishan (54), both faced 35 deliveries, promised much more for India.

However, the South Africans lost wickets early in the chase. Axar Patel took out Temba Bavuma with a change in trajectory and Harshal pulled his length back to force a fatal miscue from Reeza Hendricks.

And Yuzvendra Chahal, bowling with rhythm, skill and control, spun one across Rassie van der Dussen for 'keeper Rishabh Pant to take a sharp catch. The leg-spinner celebrated again when he spun one from the off-stump to consume a heavy-hitting Pretorius.

When the wily Chahal, flighting the ball outside off, had a fighting Heinrich Klaasen reaching out for the sphere and holing out at cover, South Africa had lost another game-changer.

This was a night when Ruturaj had put his dancing shoes on. He was nimble-footed, creating space and room for expansive strokes. A flicked six off Kagiso Rabada was a sign of things to come.

The intrepid opener slammed five successive boundaries off Anrich Nortje in a dramatic over that saw Ruturaj charging down and striking Nortje over mid-on. The South African responded with a nasty lifter that flicked the gloves and crashed into his helmet grill before speeding to the boundary. A pristine flick was the best of the boundaries.

An inside-out cover-drive off left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj, after stepping down the track, was a high-quality stroke. Kishan essayed some typically fierce pulls and sweeps. The left-hander showcased his ability to get under the ball to pound it.

The 97-run opening partnership in 10 overs was broken by a delivery of flight and dip that Ruturaj knocked back to Maharaj.

Pretorius' slower ball accounted for Kishan (54, 35b).

Hardik Pandya batted with maturity and cricketing nous to remain unbeaten on a handy 31.

Then came Harshal's four-for and Chahal's treble.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Ruturaj Gaikwad c & b Maharaj 57 *(35b, 7x4, 2x6)*, Ishan Kishan c Hendricks b Pretorius 54 *(35b, 5x4, 2x6)*, Shreyas Iyer c Nortje b Shamsi 14 *(11b, 2x6)*, Rishabh Pant c Bavuma b Pretorius 6 *(8b)*, Hardik Pandya (not out) 31 *(21b, 4x4)*, Dinesh Karthik c Parnell b Rabada 6 *(8b)*, Axar Patel (not out) 5 *(2b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-4, w-2): 6; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 179.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-97 (Ruturaj, 9.6 overs), 2-128 (Shreyas, 12.6), 3-131 (Kishan, 13.4), 4-143 (Pant, 15.5), 5-158 (Karthik, 18.3).

SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING

Rabada 4-0-31-1, Parnell 4-0-32-0, Nortje 2-0-23-0, Pretorius 4-0-29-2, Shamsi 4-0-36-1, Maharaj 2-0-24-1.

SOUTH AFRICA

Temba Bavuma c Avesh b Axar 8 *(10b)*, Reeza Hendricks c Chahal b Harshal 23 *(20b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Dwaine Pretorius c Pant b Chahal 20 *(16b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Rassie van der Dussen c Pant b Chahal 1 *(4b)*, Heinrich Klaasen c Axar b Chahal 29 *(24b, 3x4, 1x6)*, David Miller c Ruturaj b Harshal 3 *(5b)*, Wayne Parnell (not out) 22 *(18b, 2x4)*, Kagiso Rabada c Chahal b Harshal 9 *(8b, 1x4)*, Keshav Maharaj c Karthik b Bhuvneshwar 11 *(8b, 1x6)*, Anrich Nortje run out 0 *(1b)*, Tabraiz Shamsi c Avesh b Harshal 0 *(1b)*; Extras (b-1, lb-1, w-3): 5; Total (in 19.1 overs): 131.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-23 (Bavuma, 3.6), 2-38 (Hendricks, 5.6), 3-40 (van der Dussen, 6.5), 4-57 (Pretorius, 8.6), 5-71 (Miller, 10.6), 6-100 (Klaasen, 14.5), 7-113 (Rabada, 16.4), 8-126 (Maharaj, 18.2), 9-131 (Nortje, 18.5).

INDIA BOWLING

Bhuvneshwar 4-0-21-1, Avesh 4-0-35-0, Axar 4-0-28-1, Chahal 4-0-20-3, Harshal 3.1-0-25-4.

Toss: South Africa.
MoM: Chahal.

India won by 48 runs, South Africa leads five-match series 2-1.

Fourth T20I: June 17, Rajkot, 7 p.m.

India proves too hot for Hong Kong

The host wins 4-0 to top group

ASIAN CUP

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

India scored twice in each half to beat Hong Kong 4-0 in its concluding Group D league fixture of the 2023 AFC Asian Cup qualifying round at the Salt Lake Stadium on Tuesday.

The remarkable win helped India top the group with nine points from three wins and secure a second consecutive Asian Cup main-round berth for the first time.

Hong Kong (six points), too, made it to the final phase as one of the second-best finishers in the six groups.

On the attack

The Indians, looking to seize the initiative, went on the attack right from kick off. They won a corner with barely 30 seconds on the clock. Opting for a short corner, Jeakson Singh sent a sharp cross to the Hong Kong goalmouth.

Ashique Kuruniyan saw his first attempt ricochet off an opposition defender before Anwar Ali swooped in on the rebound to fire the ball to the roof of the net.

The hosts doubled the lead in the final minute of the first half through a spectacular finish by Sunil Chhetri. The India captain, airborne while receiving a Jeakson free-kick, found the target with a left-footed grounder.

Chhetri's 84th international goal tied him with Hungarian legend Ferenc Puskas and took him to the fifth spot in the international goal-scorers' list.

Despite a torrential downpour towards the end of the opening half, the Indians braved the conditions to keep a grip on the contest. Manvir Singh made it 3-0 in the 85th minute before setting up Ishan Pandita, who completed the tally in injury time (90+3).

The results: India 4 (Anwar 1, Chhetri 45, Manvir 85, Ishan 90+3) bt Hong Kong 0.

Afghanistan 2 (Faisal Shayesteh 16, Mustafa Zazai 35) drew with Cambodia 2 (Brak Thiva 37, Keo Sokpheng 81).

What a start! Anwar found the breakthrough for India in the opening minute. • FILE PHOTO

Neeraj betters National mark, takes silver

Neeraj. • INSTAGRAM/PAAVONURMIGAMESTURKU

PAAVO NURMI GAMES

SPORTS BUREAU

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra bettered his javelin National record (88.07m) by more than a metre with a massive 89.30m effort at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland, on Tuesday.

The effort, in Neeraj's second throw in his first competition after winning the Tokyo Olympics gold last year, brought him a silver. Finland's Oliver Helander took the gold with a personal best (89.83m).

Neeraj opened with 86.92, had a big one in the second, and messed up his next three throws. He closed with a throw of 85.85m. Grenada's World champion Anderson Peters, this year's World leader with a 93.07 in Doha last month, was third (86.60).

Sindhu and Praneeth exit

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAKARTA

Two-time Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu made a shock first-round exit from the Indonesia Open Super 1000 event after losing 14-21, 18-21 to China's He Bing Jiao here on Tuesday.

B. Sai Praneeth lost 16-21, 19-21 to Hans-Kristian Solberg Vittinghus of Denmark.

Sameer Verma won 21-19, 21-15 over France's Thomas Rouxel.

The women's doubles duo of Ashwini Ponappa and N. Sikki Reddy put it across Indo-American pair of Srivedya Guruzada and Ishika Jaiswal 21-15, 21-8.

LIVE TELECAST

Badminton: Indonesia Masters, Sports 18-1 & Voot Select, 7.30 a.m.
Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.

Australia seals World Cup spot

Redmayne. • REUTERS

AASHIN PRASAD
AL RAYYAN (QATAR)

Australia sealed a fifth successive World Cup finals appearance beating Peru 5-4 on penalties in the inter-confederation playoff final here on Monday.

With the score deadlocked at 0-0, Australia coach Graham Arnold brought on substitute goalkeeper Andrew Redmayne, who had just two senior appearances under his belt, for Mat Ryan in the final minute of extra-time.

The 33-year-old Redmayne's unorthodox approach on the goal-line vindicated Arnold's move as he pulled off two saves in the shoot-out to give the Socceroos a momentous win.

While the South Americans were keen on stretching the game into an end-to-end affair, the Aussies seemed intent on slowing it down.

Redmayne arrives

With penalties approaching, Arnold introduced Redmayne, who turned hero by denying Luis Advincula and Alex Valera.

(The writer is in Qatar at the invitation of the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy)

BCCI's revenue tops ₹48,000 crore

Star India wins TV, Viacom gets digital

IPL MEDIA RIGHTS

AMOL KARHADKAR
BENGALURU

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has reaped a total revenue of ₹48,390 crore through Indian Premier League's (IPL's) media rights.

At the end of intense bidding over three days through e-auction, BCCI secretary Jay Shah announced the winning bidders on Tuesday.

Star India has bagged the television rights for ₹23,575 crore, while the Viacom 18-led combine has been awarded the digital rights for Indian sub-continent at ₹23,758 crore.

The rest of the world rights were divided between Viacom 18 and Times Internet Ltd. for a total figure of ₹1,057 crore.

It is understood that while Viacom 18 had the highest bid for three of the five global territories (sub-Sahara, Europe and South East Asia & Oceania), the Times group was awarded the remaining two territories (Middle East and US).

Referring to the development as a "red-letter day" for Indian cricket, Shah claimed the IPL has emerged as the second most valuable sports league globally. "No cricket property in the world has been sold for such a high value and it is with immense pride that I share that IPL today is the second most valuable sports league in the world. In just 15 years, the IPL has moved ahead of the globally popular English Premier League, Major League Baseball (MLB) and The National Basketball Association (NBA)," Shah wrote in a letter to BCCI affiliates, accessed by *The Hindu*.

"It is indeed a proud moment to see that a league designed and conceptualised in India is now the second-most lucrative sports property."

It will be for the first time that the IPL will be broadcast by different players on television and on the digital platforms. Despite the setback, Rebecca Campbell, chairman, International Content and Operations, The Walt Disney Company, stated that the company is "pleased to extend our association with the Indian Premier League and look forward to offering the next five seasons across our portfolio of television channels."

The winning bidders

DISNEY STAR
Category: Indian sub-continent television
Amount: ₹23,575 crore

VIACOM 18 COMBINE
Category: Digital rights for Indian sub-continent
Amount: ₹23,758 crore

Viacom 18 (Europe, sub-Sahara and South East Asia & Oceania) and Times Internet Ltd (US and Middle East)
Category: Rest of the World
Amount: ₹1,057 crore

Average revenue through IPL media rights per year

2008: ₹404 crore
2009 to 2017: ₹911 crore
2018 to 2022: ₹3,422 crore
2023 to 2027: ₹9,678 crore

Bairstow powers England in record chase

Joins forces with Stokes in a whirlwind attack post-tea to secure a series victory

Bairstow. • AP

NZ IN ENGLAND

ASSOCIATED PRESS
NOTTINGHAM

Jonny Bairstow smashed England's second-fastest Test century to lead his country to a record run chase at Trent Bridge and a five-wicket victory in the second Test against New Zealand, clinching the series with one match to spare. Bairstow completed his century in 77 deliveries – one ball more than Gilbert Jessop's record for England set in 1902.

Set 299 to win in a little over two sessions on day five, England reached its target in 50 overs with Bairstow falling for 136 off 92 balls just before the victory was sealed.

Joining hands with England at 93 for four, Bairstow and captain Ben Stokes (75 n.o.) could have played for the draw. Instead, they went on the attack and added 179 runs for the fourth wicket.

The previous highest successful chase in Nottingham came in 2004 when England's 284 for six defeated New Zealand.

Boult's record

- Boult has scored the most runs by a Test No. 11, surpassing Muralitharan (623). The Kiwi now has 640 in 79 innings

SCOREBOARD

New Zealand — 1st innings: 553.
England — 1st innings: 539.
New Zealand — 2nd innings: Tom Latham b Anderson 4, Will Young run out 56, Devon Conway c Bairstow b Leach 52, Henry Nicholls c Lees b Potts 3, Daryl Mitchell (not out) 62, Tom Blundell c Stokes b Broad 24, Michael Bracewell c Broad b Potts 25, Tim Southee run out 0, Matt Henry c Foakes b Broad 18, Kyle Jamieson c Foakes b Broad 1, Trent Boult c Stokes b Anderson 17; Extras (b-9, lb-5, nb-6, w-2): 22; Total (in 84.4 overs): 284.
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-104, 3-115, 4-131, 5-176, 6-204, 7-213, 8-245, 9-249.
England bowling: Anderson 8.4-1-20-2, Broad 20-4-70-3, Potts 15-6-32-2, Leach 24-5-86-1, Stokes 17-3-62-0.
England — 2nd innings: Alex Lees c Blundell b Southee 44, Zak Crawley c Southee b Boult 0, Ollie Pope c Blundell b Henry 18, Joe Root c & b Boult 3, Jonny Bairstow c Blundell b Boult 136, Ben Stokes (not out) 75, Ben Foakes (not out) 12; Extras (b-5, lb-6): 11; Total (for five wkts. in 50 overs): 299.
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-53, 3-56, 4-93, 5-272.
New Zealand bowling: Southee 11-0-67-1, Boult 16-1-94-3, Henry 15-3-67-1, Bracewell 8-0-60-0.
MoM: Bairstow.

England won by five wickets to lead three-Test series 2-0.

IN BRIEF

Australia beats Sri Lanka

PALLEKELE

Glenn Maxwell (80 n.o.) took Australia to a two-wicket win against Sri Lanka in the first ODI on Tuesday.
The scores: Sri Lanka 300/7 in 50 overs (Danushka Gunathilaka 55, Pathum Nissanka 56, Kusal Mendis 86 n.o.) lost to Australia 282/8 in 42.3 overs (Aaron Finch 44, Steve Smith 53, Marcus Stoinis 44, Glenn Maxwell 80 n.o., Hasaranga 4/58); *Target: 282 in 44 overs.*

3-0 for Afghanistan

HARARE

Noor Ahmed (4/10) helped Afghanistan beat Zimbabwe by 35 runs in the third T20I on Tuesday to win series 3-0.
The scores: Afghanistan 125/8 in 20 overs bt Zimbabwe 90/9 in 20 overs (Noor Ahmed 4/10).

Praveen wins gold, books ticket to World Championships

Tamil Nadu clinches the overall title while Haryana finishes second

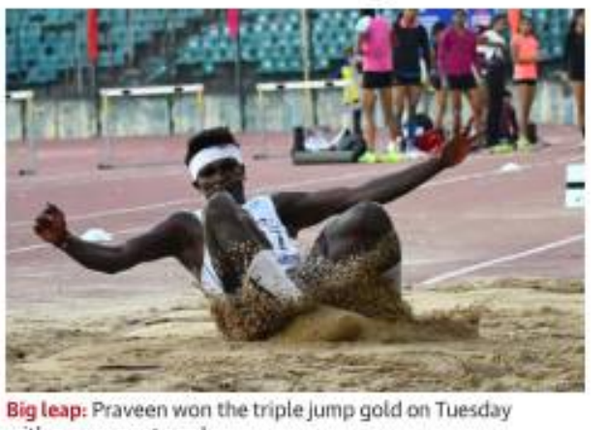
ATHLETICS

K. KEERTHIVASAN
CHENNAI

There was a lot of excitement surrounding the men's triple jump event as quite a few athletes were expected to make a new mark in the National inter-State athletics meet here on Tuesday.

In the end, it was Praveen Chitravel of Tamil Nadu who pipped his competitors to win the triple jump gold with a leap of 17.18m and booked a ticket to the World Championships (17.14m) in Eugene next month.

Kerala's Abdullah Aboobacker finished second with a jump of 17.14m. He had already made the cut for the Worlds at the Indian Grand Prix in Bhubaneswar.



Big leap: Praveen won the triple jump gold on Tuesday with a new meet mark. • B. VELANKANNI RAJ

Praveen, Abdullah, Eldose Paul and U. Karthik have also qualified for the Commonwealth Games.

"I suffered a heel injury in the international meet in Rome recently and didn't train much for 2-3 weeks and came directly to Chennai," said Praveen.

Tamil Nadu bagged the overall championships with 133.500 points. Haryana (101.500) and Uttar Pradesh (99) finished second and third respectively.

The results:

Men: 200m: 1. Amlan Borgohain (Asm) 21.00s; 2. Abhin B. Devadiga (Kar) 21.42; 3. Rahul Ramesh Kadam (Mah) 21.68; **5000m:** 1. Harendra Kumar (Del) 14:01.50s; 2. Amit Jangir (Raj) 14:02.01; 3. Dharmender (Raj) 14:02.13.
400mH: 1. Jabir Madari Palliyalil (Ker) 49.76s; 2. T. Santhosh Kumar (TN) 50.16; 3. Dhaval Mahesh Utekar (Guj) 50.55; **hammer throw:** 1. Niraj Kumar (Raj) 65.52m; 2. Harvendra Singh (UP) 64.97; 3. Damneet Singh (Pun) 63.15; **triple jump:** 1. Praveen Chitravel (TN) 17.18m (NMR, OMR: Arpinder Singh, Lucknow, 17.17m, 2014); 2. Abdullah Aboobacker (Ker) 17.14; 3. Eldose Paul (Ker) 16.81.
4x400m relay: 1. India-A (Muhammed Ajmal, P. Naganathan, Mijo Chacko Kurian, S. Arokia Rajiv) 3:05.34s; 2. Sri Lanka (S. Aruna Dharshana, H. Deshan, R. Lakshan, G. Niku) 3:06.05; 3. India-B (S. Barath, Kapil, Ayush Dabas, T. Santhosh Kumar) 3:15.78.
Women: 200m: 1. S. Dhanalakshmi (TN) 23.27s; 2. Hima Das (Asm) 23.29; 3. Aishwarya Mishra (Mah) 23.72; **5000m:** 1. Sanjivani Baburao Jadhav (Mah) 16:11.46s; 2. Shraddha Rajani (Guj) 16:14.04; 3. Seema (HP) 16:25.47.
400mH: 1. R. Vithya Ramraj (TN) 57.08s; 2. R. Anu (Ker) 58.99; 3. R. Arathi (Ker) 59.26; long jump: 1. B. Aishwarya (Kar) 6.60m; 2. Lancy Sojan (Ker) 6.49; 3. Sruthui Lekshmi (Ker) 6.35; **hammer throw:** 1. Manju Bala (Raj) 64.19s (NMR, OMR: Sarita Singh, Guwahati, 63.18m); 2. 3. Renu (Har) 59.83.
4x400m relay: 1. Haryana-B (Summy, Bhateri, Nisha, Simmy) 3:41.90; 2. Tami Nadu (B. Sumathira, Olimba Steffi, K. Roshini, V. Subha) 3:42.39; 3. Kerala (Jamsheela, Sayana, Li Net George, R. Arathi) 3:42.92.

Jaiswal rides his luck to notch up another ton

Uttar Pradesh bowlers do well to restrict Mumbai to 260 for five on opening day of their semifinal

RANJI TROPHY

AMOL KARHADKAR
BENGALURU

Yashasvi Jaiswal continued his love-affair with the Garden City but Uttar Pradesh kept Mumbai in check on the opening day of the Ranji Trophy semifinal here on Tuesday.

On a hot day and a strip at the Just Cricket Academy that had decent carry, Uttar Pradesh did well to restrict Mumbai to 260 for five after electing to field. Jaiswal, the left-handed opener, made the most of two reprieves to notch up his second Ranji hundred.

In fine form: Opener Jaiswal continued from where he left off in the quarterfinals to prop up Mumbai. •K. PICHUMANI

Happy hunting ground

All his five centuries at the senior level, including three in Vijay Hazare Trophy, have been scored in Bengaluru.

The UP pace quartet persisted with a fifth-stump line in a bid to frustrate Mumbai batters and dry up the flow of runs. Most of Mumbai's batters fell prey to the ploy, with no one barring Jaiswal and Hardik Tamore – who made the most of his maiden opportunity of the season with an unbeaten fifty – being able to convert their starts.

While the pacers and seasoned spinner Saurabh Kumar kept the batters quiet, captain Karan Sharma's golden arm did the trick twice.

The off-spinner earned the prize scalps of Jaiswal (caught down the leg) and Sarfaraz Khan (top-edged reverse sweep to the 'keeper).

But Sarfaraz's wasn't the only bad shot of the day. Off the third ball of the match, Prithvi Shaw attempted an audacious drive at one from Yash Dayal that was pitched outside off and moving further away with the left-armer's angle only to edge it to Priyam Garg at second slip.

Trapped in front

Armaan Jaffer, having left the ball well and got his eye in, then tried to flick one off Shivam Mavi and was trapped in front. Similarly, Suved Parkar's two-hour vigil ended when he chased a wide one from Dayal and Saurabh accepted a dolly at point.

Jaiswal, though, kept his composure despite playing and missing several times in the first hour.

Exquisite square drive

While his square-drive off Prince Yadav just before lunch was exquisite, he was fortunate to be dropped twice off Ankit Rajpoot just after lunch.

Dhruv Jurel, the wicket-keeper, lunged forward but couldn't latch on to the ball when the left-hander was on 33. In his next over, Rinku Singh made a mess off an uppish cut at gully when Jaiswal on 37.

Jaiswal quickly regained his composure and avoided extravagant strokes to cross the three-figure mark with a backfoot punch off Prince. However, the next ball from Karan he chased one down the leg and Jurel made no mistake.

Tamore and Mulani then saw off the new ball, with Tamore raising a seamless fifty before the stumps were drawn.

The scores: Mumbai – 1st innings: Prithvi Shaw c Garg b Dayal 0, Yashasvi Jaiswal c Jurel b Karan 100, Armaan Jaffer lbw b Mavi 10, Suved Parkar c Saurabh b Dayal 32, Sarfaraz Khan c Jurel b Karan 40, Hardik Tamore (batting) 51, Shams Mulani (batting) 10; Extras (b-7, lb-7, nb-2, w-1): 17; Total (for five wkts. in 87 overs): 260.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-24, 3-87, 4-170, 5-233.

Uttar Pradesh bowling: Dayal 17-4-35-2, Rajpoot 17-3-47-0, Mavi 11-2-29-1, Saurabh 23-8-63-0, Prince 10-3-33-0, Karan 9-1-39-2.

Toss: UP.

Warriors one win away from title

Wiggins punishes Celtics

Stepping up: Wiggins spearheaded a balanced Golden State offensive. •AP

NBA FINALS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SAN FRANCISCO

Andrew Wiggins scored 26 points as Golden State Warriors battled past Boston Celtics 104-94 to move within one win of a seventh NBA championship crown on Monday.

With Stephen Curry having a rare off-night after his 43-point game four heroics, Wiggins seized control to lead a balanced Golden State offensive effort which leaves the Warriors 3-2 up in the best-of-seven series.

On song

Wiggins shot 12-of-23 while hauling in 13 rebounds with two steals and a block.

The win means the Warriors can clinch the championship when the series heads back to Boston for game six on Thursday.

Wiggins led the Warriors scorers while Klay Thompson provided support with 21 points including five three-pointers. Gary Payton II (15 points) and Jordan Poole (14) both made double-digits from the bench.

Curry, the Warriors' talisman and front-runner for NBA Finals MVP, chipped in with 16 points but shot only 7-of-22 from the field, going 0/9 from three-point distance.

It was the first time in Curry's playoff career he has failed to score a three-pointer and the first time he has drawn a blank from beyond the arc in any NBA game since 2018.

Jayson Tatum led Boston's scorers with 27 points while Marcus Smart added 20 and Jaylen Brown 18.

Turnover count

But the Celtics, who effectively marked Curry out of the game for long periods, were left ruing another high turnover count of 18 compared to just six from Golden State.

The result: Golden State Warriors 104 (Andrew Wiggins 26, Klay Thompson 21, Stephen Curry 16, Gary Payton II 15, Jordan Poole 14) bt Boston Celtics 94 (Jayson Tatum 27, Marcus Smart 20, Jaylen Brown 18, Robert Williams III 10). *Warriors lead series 3-2.*

IN BRIEF

Serena gets wildcard for Wimbledon

LONDON

Serena Williams will return to Grand Slam tennis for the first time in a year at Wimbledon later this month after being handed a wildcard entry by the All England Club on Tuesday. The seven-time singles champion has not played since suffering an injury in her first-round match at the tournament in London 12 months ago. AFP

Federer hits a 22-year low in ATP rankings

LONDON

Former World No. 1 Roger Federer is now ranked 68th in the world in the ATP Rankings after missing multiple tournaments due to injury, his worst ranking in over 22 years.The last time the 20-time Grand Slam champion was this far down in the rankings was in February 2000, when he was 18 years in age. He was ranked number 67 back then. ANI

Kompany appointed Burnley manager

LONDON

Former Manchester City captain Vincent Kompany has been appointed new manager of Burnley, the Championship club announced on Tuesday. The Belgian, 36, left his job as Anderlecht head coach last month. Kompany takes over from caretaker Mike Jackson, who replaced Sean Dyche in April but could not save the club from relegation. AFP

Arsenal signs Brazilian teenager Marquinhos

LONDON

Arsenal on Monday signed Brazilian forward Marquinhos from Sao Paulo. The 19-year-old has agreed a "long-term contract" with the Gunners after initially looking set for a move to Wolves. AFP

Bayern confirms signing Dutchman Gravenberch

BERLIN

Bayern Munich on Monday confirmed the signing of the Netherlands midfielder Ryan Gravenberch. He is Bayern's second recent signing from Ajax, after Morocco right-back Noussair Mazraoui. According to reports, Bayern will pay Ajax an initial fee of €18.5 million which could rise by €5.5 million in additional payments. AFP

Himanshu Mantri's unbeaten century highlights MP innings

His 123-run stand with Raghuwanshi helps the team reach 271 for six against Bengal on day one

AYAN ACHARYA
BENGALURU

Himanshu Mantri (134 batting, 280b, 15x4, 1x6) completed a gritty maiden First Class hundred, while Akshat Raghuwanshi (63, 81b, 8x4, 2x6) hit a swift fifty to take Madhya Pradesh to a respectable 271 for six at stumps after it was hobbling at 97 for four, on day one of its Ranji Trophy semifinal against Bengal at the KSCA Ground in Alur on Tuesday.

Fielding first, Bengal pacers Mukesh Kumar (2/45) and Akash Deep (2/55) bowled predominantly full to exploit the early swing and seam. They gave away a combined 15 runs in their first spells, with Mukesh picking up a wicket.

Rising to the occasion: Mantri started off with circumspection before displaying his wide range of strokes on way to a crucial century. •K. MURALI KUMAR

Setting it up

Mukesh set up MP opener Yash Dubey for lbw in his third over by maintaining the fourth stump line for the first two deliveries.

For the next two balls, he went closer to the stumps before hitting Dubey on the pads with one that seamed in sharply.

Meanwhile, the way Mantri went about his innings spoke of the pressure MP was under in the morning: initially, he was all circumspection, carefully defending deliveries and letting quite a few balls go. The left-hander, who took 49 deliveries to score his first boundary, was happy grafting every step of the way.

Each run during his second-wicket stand of 49 with Shubham Sharma drew generous applause from the MP teammates. But left-arm spinner Praditpa Pramanik, who last played a First Class game in 2019, ended the resistance with his first ball of the match, clean bowling Shubham with one that gripped and turned.

'Well done'

Mukesh, brought back before lunch, then got Rajat Patidar caught at slip, prompting Bengal coach Arun Lal to let out a loud "*Shaabash beta* (well done, son)" from the sidelines.

Mantri, meanwhile, reached his 50 off 146 balls with a four but perhaps just as MP was contemplating a move on in the afternoon session, Shahbaz Ahmed returned for his second spell and got captain Aditya Shrivastava to chop on.

Bengal's in-out field meant MP batters had to manufacture boundary opportunities, which caused Shrivastava to attempt a cut shot off a short ball that was too close to his body.

His dismissal brought Raghuwanshi to the crease and his injection of intent turned MP's innings from one of dour survival to a spirited counter-attack. He raced to 34 off as many balls with four fours and two sixes before completing a half-century off 63 balls.

Raghuwanshi's 123-run stand with Mantri, before the former was trapped in front by Akash, kept MP on an even keel on day one. MP will now hope Mantri can set it up for a big total on the second day.

The scores:

Madhya Pradesh – 1st innings: Yash Dubey lbw b Mukesh 9, Himanshu Mantri (batting) 134, Shubham Sharma b Pramanik 17, Rajat Patidar c Tiwary b Mukesh 7, Aditya Shrivastava b Shahbaz Ahmed 10, Akshat Raghuwanshi lbw b Akash 63, Saransh Jain b Akash 17, Puneet Datey (batting) 9; Extras (b-2, lb-1, nb-2): 5; Total (for six wkts. in 86 overs): 271.

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-59, 3-72, 4-97, 5-220, 6-259.

Bengal bowling: Mukesh Kumar 21-6-45-2, Akash Deep 20-6-55-2, Sayan Mondal 13-3-38-0, Shahbaz Ahmed 14-2-70-1, Pradipta Pramanik 14-0-50-1, Manoj Tiwary 4-0-10-0.

Toss: Madhya Pradesh.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

BFC extends contracts of Muirang and Lara

Bengaluru FC, on Tuesday, announced contract extensions for defender Wungngayam Muirang and goalkeeper Lara Sharma. While Muirang signed a fresh three-year-deal that will keep him at BFC till the end of the 2024-25 season, Lara added three years to an existing contract that still has a year left on it.

BTM FC routs Postal Dept.

BTM FC blanked Postal Dept. FC 4-0 in the BDFA A-division football league here on Tuesday.

The results:

RWF 3 (T.S. Afshin 9, A. Ajay 75, 80+3) bt Blitz 1 (Naveen S. Kumar 52).

BTM 4 (Rohan Jonathan 13, Asheley Grant 18, Chirag 34, Anirudh 35) bt Postal Dept. 0.

Friends United 2 (K. Dhanush 7, Pradeep Kumar 80) bt AGORC 0.

DYES 1 (Omprakash C. Hadapad 46) drew with Sun Rise 1 (Karthick 70).

Easy going for Bangalore Club

Bangalore Club defeated KSBA-A 724-597 in a Group-A match of the Chandra Bhatia inter-club snooker championship.

Other results:

Group-A: Malleshwaram Association 723 bt Tumkur Town Club 676.

Group-B: Century Club-A 681 bt Sadashivanagar Club 592; Bowring Institute 722 bt South Western Railways 574.

Group-C: Catholic Club 686 bt HBCC 560; Catholic Club 707 bt Ladies Team 670;

Group-D: Indian Gymkhana 730 bt BEL Officers Club 654; BEML Club (KGF) 773 bt BEL Officers Club 678.

Ex-Olympic champion Puig retires

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SAN JUAN

Former Olympic tennis champion Monica Puig confirmed on Monday her retirement from the sport, saying her "body had enough" after four surgeries in three years.

Puig was the first Puerto Rican to win an Olympic gold in any sport when she shocked then World No. 2 Angelique Kerber of Germany in the final at the 2016 Rio Games.

Pride of India

Dazzling display: The Indian para-shooters who clinched a bagful of medals at the Chateauroux World Cup in France on their arrival in New Delhi. •TWITTER@SAIMEDIA

Ramkumar loses in first round

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Hugo Grenier of France defeated Ramkumar Ramanathan 7-6(3), 7-5 in the first round of the €134,920 Challenger tennis tournament in Ilkley, Britain, on Tuesday.

Other results: $15,000 ITF men, Chiang Rai, Thailand: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Parikshit Somani & Manish Sureshkumar bt Natthayut Nithithananont & Kasidit Samrej (Tha) 6-3, 6-4; Pruchya Isaro & Thantub Suksumrarn (Tha) bt Paras Dahiya & Faisal Qamar 6-4, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Shivank Bhatnagar & Dharmil Shah bt Elias Anwar (Fra) & Hassan Baroudi (Syr) 7-6 (5), 2-6, [11-9].

$15,000 ITF men, Tay Ninh, Vietnam: First round: Digvijay Pratap Singh bt Son Ji Hoon (Kor) 7-5, 6-4; Kyle Seelig (US) bt Rishi Reddy 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Rishi Reddy & Dhakshineswar Suresh bt Ishaque Eqbal & Tushar Madan 6-3, 6-2; Quoc-Khanh Le & Nam Hoang Ly (Vie) bt David Hough (Aus) & Suraj Prabodh 6-3, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF women, Chiang Rai, Thailand: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Liu Fangzhou & Xun Fang Ying (Chn) bt Laalitya Kalluri & Vanshita Pathania 6-0, 6-0.

$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: First round: Sayaka Ishii (Jpn) bt Jennifer Luikham 6-2, 6-1.

Indian teams do well

SPORTS BUREAU

Indian boys outplayed fourth seed Bangladesh 3-0 in the ITF South Asia under-12 tennis league phase in Kathmandu on Tuesday.

The Indian girls beat second seed Maldives 3-0 in the round-robin format.

The results (league): Boys: India bt Bangladesh 3-0 (Tavish Pahwa bt Md. Rajib 6-0, 6-1; Fazal Ali Meer bt Kabbo Gayen 6-0, 6-1; Kushagra Arora & Tavish bt Mushfiqur Rahman Apon & Rajib 6-0, 6-1). **Girls: India bt Maldives 3-0** (Prachi Malik bt Imani Moosa Kaleem 6-0, 6-0; Aahan bt Naba Nishan 6-0, 6-1; Prachi & Anandita Upadhyay bt Manha Mohamed Ali & Imani 6-2, 6-1).

Modric gives Croatia victory over France

NATIONS LEAGUE

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Luka Modric's early penalty gave Croatia a 1-0 win over off-form France here on Monday as the World Cup holder finished its June run of UEFA Nations League matches without a victory in four outings.

Veteran Croatia captain Modric slotted in his spot-kick after just five minutes at the Stade de France, and the home side could not find an equaliser despite Kylian Mbappe returning to join Karim Benzema in the starting line-up.

As a result, *Les Bleus* are bottom of League A, Group 1, seven points behind leader Denmark, which beat Austria 2-0 in Copenhagen with first-half goals by Jonas Wind and Andreas Skov Olsen.

Bull's eye! Modric converts the penalty that turned out to be the match-winner. •AFP

The home fans in the crowd of over 77,000 were left stunned as the Israeli referee awarded the visitors an early penalty when Liverpool defender Ibrahima Konate was adjudged to have fouled Josip Brekalo.

The evergreen Modric, back at the ground where he won the Champions League with Real Madrid at the end of last month, made no mistake with the resulting penalty even though France goalkeeper Mike Maignan got a touch.

From then on it took the occasional burst of pace by Mbappe to bring the crowd to life, although the closest France came to scoring in the first half was when Christopher Nkunku blasted just wide from range.

The results:

League A, Group 1: France 0 bt Croatia 1 (Modric 5-pen); Denmark 2 (Wind 21, Skov Olsen 37) bt Austria 0.

League B, Group 2: Iceland 2 (Thorsteinsson 9, Helgason 60) drew with Israel 2 (Gretarsson 35-og, Dor Peretz 65).

League C, Group 3: Azerbaijan 2 (Emreli 76, Sheydaev 90+3) bt Belarus 0; Kazakhstan 2 (Vorogovskiy 18, Astanov 39) bt Slovakia 1 (Bero 51).